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# *An Historical Digest of the Provincial Press*

Being a Collation of All Items of Personal and Historic Reference Relating to American Affairs Printed in the Newspapers of the Provincial Period Beginning with the Appearance of The Present State of the New-English Affairs, 1689, Publick Occurrences, 1690, and the First Issue of The Boston News-Letter, 1704, and Ending with the Close of the Revolution, 1783 . . .

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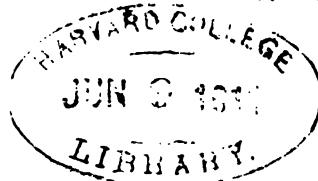
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## Preface

THE scheme of this work involves the exact reproduction of the text of the American newspapers, other than their reprints of foreign intelligence in the English journals, from the first attempted American newspaper in the year 1690, of which only a single number was issued, down through the Provincial Period closing with the year 1783. The first series, of which this is volume one, is to cover the Massachusetts press, for in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay American journalism had its beginning, and here alone was continued with a single newspaper through a decade and a half, or till 1719. Except in the provinces of Pennsylvania and New York, and there only in the cities of Philadelphia and New York, journalism was not planted elsewhere till after the first quarter of a century had passed. The news of the Massachusetts press, however, was by no means confined to that province. The field of the Massachusetts periodicals was all the English colonies in America, and in their columns was reported not only the news of the other colonies but that of the West Indies, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, so far as news gathering facilities were effective in those primitive days.

Beginning with the eighteenth century the early newspapers contained much Americana not elsewhere to be found in reports of local happenings, in official documents and other papers, and in personal items relating to the daily lives of the people and to the activities of the communities then developing. Because of the incompleteness or entire absence of other records, the material in these periodicals, scant as it is, is of inestimable value to the historian, the genealogist, the student, the lawyer, the judge, the conveyancer, serving as it does to illuminate much that otherwise would remain obscure, and furnishing vital data concerning both public and private affairs of this formative period of American history.

It is a cause for profound but unavailing regret that old town and church records have to a considerable extent disappeared, and that so many documents and papers of historical value were destroyed or carried away during and at the close of the Revolution. Much, too, of the material of this nature that has been preserved is fragmentary. Where town records—minutes of town meetings, of selectmen, of churches, and of other community proceedings—were kept they are often now far from complete. The same is true of the

records of probate courts, of the registers of deeds, of vital statistics. The valuable publications of the town records and other contemporary documents by the city registrar of Boston, and the volumes of Massachusetts Vital Records by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, provided for by its Robert Henry Eddy Fund and annual appropriations by the Commonwealth for the purchase of a stated number of copies, particularly disclose this condition in Massachusetts; and it is the condition to an even greater extent in the other colonies. Many of these omissions the early provincial newspapers supply, and they will be found in this compilation. In fact, the material in the newspapers here reproduced constitutes to a very considerable extent our only contemporaneous record of American happenings, especially in the earlier years of the Provincial Period, save what is derived from public documents and private papers. The desire to rescue this material from the obscurity into which it has fallen and to render it accessible has been the guiding motive of this Digest.

While all that is comprised in this volume and those that will follow notably supplements other records and meets deficiencies in them it also includes much matter of a distinctive character and not heretofore collected, bearing upon a variety of subjects: as port statistics, public proceedings; importations; postal service; events, local and colonial; residence, business pursuits, and ventures of the people; passenger arrivals and departures; real estate transactions; property holdings; wills; court and administrative affairs; legislative acts. In the special field of literature much is discoverable in these columns that will engage the attention of the investigator into literary usages, the origin of words, terms, and phrases which have worked their way into the common language. To what extent all this will add to the sum of our information regarding the period surveyed the pages that follow must speak for themselves.

The imperative need and the usefulness of such a compilation as is furnished in this Digest will be recognized when it is understood that the issues of such early periodicals as have been preserved are scattered in many libraries in different parts of the country. No single library has a complete set of any of them. He who would examine every existing number would be compelled to resort to institutions in widely separated cities, as Boston, Cambridge, Worcester, Hartford, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Madison, Wisconsin. In some instances the only known copies are in private or proprietary libraries not freely open to the public. Thus they are always difficult of consultation, and not infrequently are practically inaccessible save to privileged investigators. Moreover, many are in a frail and perishable condition, and their custodians are already seriously considering the wisdom of withdrawing them entirely from general use. The danger of loss by fire is also ever present.

In its entirety **AN HISTORICAL DIGEST OF THE PROVINCIAL PRESS** will be a complete compilation of or an index to all the provincial newspapers included in this review. It is intended that the work shall largely obviate the necessity of consulting the originals save, perhaps, in exceptional instances by scholars, and place this material once for all in compact form, wholly available for the widest private and public use.

It is believed that the methods adopted in this reprinting will commend themselves by reason of their simplicity, directness, and completeness. As will be seen, the items reproduced have been arranged in chronological order under the names of the newspapers from which they have been taken, with dates of issue and reference to the libraries in which copies of those particular issues are now preserved. All the personal items, reports of events and historical documents that have never been reprinted, and that constitute the bulk of the data, are given entire. In the work as a whole documents and historical papers that have been already reprinted in accessible collections of historical and antiquarian societies or in standard works of history will not always be reproduced in full, but will be briefly abstracted and reference made to those publications wherein they can be consulted. In the present volume, however, few such instances occur. While the foreign news reprinted or summarized from the English newspapers has been excluded as outside the scope of this work devoted exclusively to Americana, its character has been indicated in the editorial head-notes to the transcripts of successive issues of the newspapers and in occasional brief references in the text. Whatever in this mass of foreign intelligence relates in any way to American affairs has, however, been scrupulously transcribed.

To reproduce the originals with absolute textual fidelity has been the constant aim of the editors. Working on these predetermined lines all the vagaries of spelling, capitalization, italicization, punctuation, abbreviations, and so on, have been carefully preserved. So undeviating has been the adherence to this rule that even obvious typographical errors of the colonial printers have been transferred to these pages. At the outset the extent to which editorial revision or correction of the original text might be carried came up for long and serious consideration. One conclusion only could be arrived at and that was that the ultimate historical worth of a work of this character must rest primarily and firmly upon an exact adherence to the text. This course has been pursued with less reluctance in view of the fact that there has been found little confusion or incorrectness in the text that will not be readily comprehensible to the competent reader. Here and there suggestive readings have been added in brackets and further explanations and corrections have been made in foot-notes.

That despite the utmost care and watchfulness errors may exist in the completed work may be frankly admitted. Such seems to be

the fate of all printed books, and it may well be true of a work involving such and so many typographical and other perplexities as this. It is however the earnest hope of the editors that if errors are found they will be few and unimportant. A careful final reading of the printed pages in connection with the arduous task of making the elaborate personal and analytical Index has happily revealed little of consequence that had previously escaped observation.

Several special features of historical and bibliographical character precede the transcript of the newspapers on the opening pages of this volume. These come naturally in place as introductory to and explanatory of the text which follows. Their presence does not call for particular comment. The list of periodicals of the Provincial Period, the list of authorities on the subject, and the list of libraries will, it is safe to say, be found useful guides. An acquaintance with the broadside of 1689, the first attempted newspaper, and the Campbell manuscript news letters, seems to be essential to an adequate understanding of the conditions precedent to the founding of the first established newspaper and the influence which affected that beginning and marked its early career.

The editors are indebted to a number of valued friends who may be properly termed historical experts for practical suggestions and valuable aids in the prosecution of their work; and their thanks are especially due to the librarians of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the New York Historical Society, the Boston Athenæum, the American Antiquarian Society, the libraries of Harvard and Yale Colleges, the Library of Congress, and other institutions, for courtesies received.

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## ERRATUM

Page 78. The date of The Boston News-Letter No. 6 should be May 29, 1704 instead of 1709 as printed.

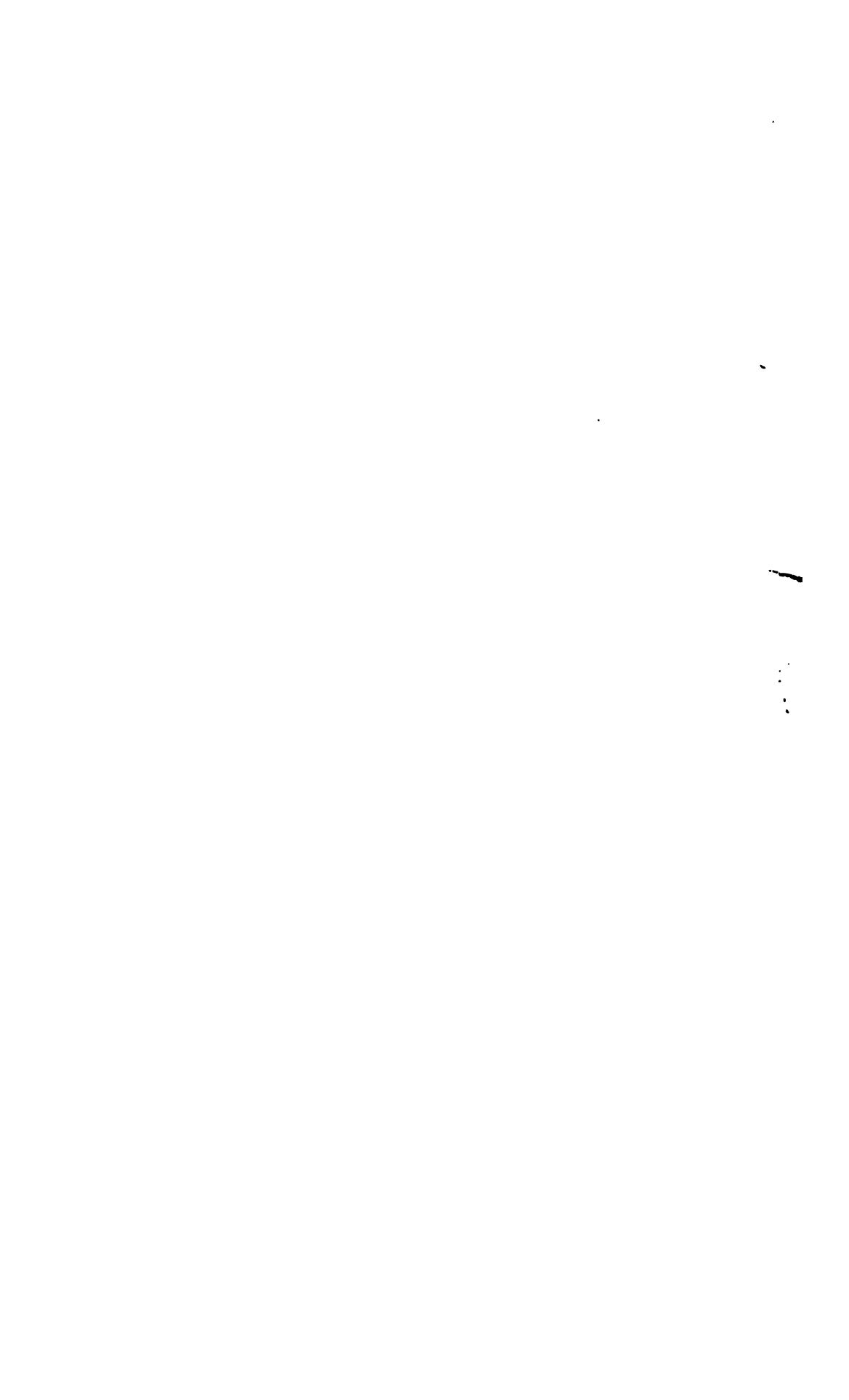
Pp. 79, 80. The dates in the page head lines should be May 29, 1704 instead of 1709 as printed.

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## ADDENDUM

Page 59. The annotation in the manuscript "Memorandums" bound in the volume of The Boston News-Letter in the library of the New York Historical Society, under date October 15, 1705 [the second of this date]: Madame Hebb, as pointed out by Mr. Frederick L. Gay, signifies Madam Hobbie; the initial N, in the next line, Negro. Then the annotation would read: "Madame Hobb[ie's] N[egro] one [or once] of the Jamaica fleet died this morning of a Fever, at the house of y<sup>e</sup> sd H[obbie]." See Sewall's Diary, v. 2, p. 121, Jan. 1, 1704/5.





# New-England Affairs.

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*2d. Extract of a Letter from Mr. Mather, to the Governor, Dated Sept. 3. 1689 from Deal in Kent,*  
**T**he House of Commons Ordered a Bill to be drawn up for the Reformation of Charters to all Corporations. Some Enemies of New-England did before themselves on that Occasion. But it has pleased God to frustrate Endeavour and Solicitations here to far, as that N. E. is particularly mentioned in the Bill. It has been read twice, and after that referred into a Committee for Emendations. What concern N. England past without any great opposition. The Bill has been in part read the third time, and the Charters of N. Eng. then also past without Opposition. Only four Additional Charters relating to Corporations here, caused Debates so that the Bill is not yet Engaged.

*3d. Passage extracted from the publick Mather's Letter, Dated July 6. 1689.*  
**T**he people of New-England having made a thorough Revolution, and secured the publick Criminals. On Thursday last, the Reverend and Learned Mr. Mather, President of the College, and Minister of Boston, waited on the King; and in a most Excellent Speech laid before His Majesty, the State of that People; saying: That they were sober, and judicious, and fit for Martial Service; and all with their Lives and Interests were at His Majesties Command, to render the same unto His Majesty: That they desired nothing but His Majesties Acceptance of what they had done, and His Protection: and that if His Majesty pleased to choose and Commission them, He might easily be

and being the Year of Our Lord (which  
was delivered to me, and it is known unto my self,  
that that care but it be known to you,) bearing  
Date 25th Febr. 1689. Vix in Regno Etate Regal Ap-  
plication of what has been done at Boston,  
and affirms you that the Government there shall  
be settled, so as shall be for the Security and  
Satisfaction of His Subjects in that Colony, and  
in the next time hiss vno go on to Administer  
the Laws, and manage the Government, according  
as in your Address you have permitted.

My Lord Attender (now Earl of Monmouth)

told me affare you that he would be your Friend,  
and his bade me tell you from him, That your  
Country should be relieved as by Act of Parliament.

I have been with most of the Kings most Hon-  
orable Privy Council, who have promised to be  
Friend New-England as there shall be occasion for  
it. The like I may say, of all the Leading men  
in the Parliament.

I have been in the Drawing a. fortnight, and A-  
board Mr. Clark, (veral Nighs, but the Wind has  
been against us. And we now hear that the

New-England Convoy (on whose Affiance

= has a Dependance) are gone

Superior to the Honourable  
Simon Bradstreet, Esq;

Commiss' of the Massachusetts Colony in N. England,

Boston, Printed and Sold by Samuel Green, 1689.

On July 4. The King laid unto me, That  
He did freely Agree of what was done in Bos-  
ton. And that His Subjects in New-England  
Should have their ancient Rights and Privileges  
Restored, and confirmed unto them. Yet, He  
told me, That if it were in his power to cause  
it to be done, it should be done, and had me  
well assured of it.

The Charter is not fulfilled, because  
some Additional Clauses respecting Corpora-  
tions here in England caused a Debate; and  
the Parliament is for some weeks Adjourned.

Besides the Letter from the King's Majesty,  
whereof we have notice as above; there is  
now arrived, an Order from His Majesty to  
the Government bearing Date, Feb. 30. 1689,  
Requiring, That Sir Edmund Andros,  
Edward Randolph, and others, that have been  
sent by the people of Boston, and Boston be at  
the expense of those Gentlemen, Detained there,  
under Confinement, As last on Board the ship  
"Dolphin" bound to England, to answer unto  
the charges made against them.

Boston, Printed and Sold by Samuel Green, 1689.



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## Precursors of the Newspaper

IT has been estimated that from the setting up of the first printing press in the English-speaking colonies of America, by Stephen Daye in Cambridge, Massachusetts-Bay, in 1639, until the close of the Colonial Period, half a century thereafter, more than three hundred books and pamphlets by native writers were produced by the printers of Cambridge and Boston. This was a remarkable output for a pioneer people and some of the Boston imprints became famous even in the old world.

This early-planted and rapidly-developed literary and typographic activity gradually led to the printing of news-sheets, although fifty years were allowed to elapse before the home press gave the colonists anything to read except books and pamphlets,—mainly religious—almanacs, and the acts and resolves of the General Court. Foreign news came in the few and infrequent London newspapers, while the scant domestic happenings were reported by word of mouth or by personal letters passing between relatives or friends in different communities. When, occasionally, some specially important matter developed broadsides were printed and sold, but only at the instance, or with the permission of the government, for the press was not yet free and nothing could be put forth except as "published by authority." Such, for example, was the broadside of 1689, entitled: The Present State of the New-English Affairs. So far as has been discovered this was the first publication in the colonies of a purely domestic news character and as such it is reprinted in this Digest, although it was in no sense a newspaper.

Other sheets of like character were put forth about this time. Evidence of this and of the fact that such publications were not regarded with favor by the colonial authorities is seen in the following official document:

"Whereas many papers haue beeene lately printed & dispersed tending to the disturbance of the peace & subuersion of the gouern̄t of this theire Maiesties Collonie King William & Queene Mary It is therfor ordered that if any person or persons within this Collony be found guilty of any such like Misdemeanour of printing publishing or concealing any such like papers or discourses or not timely discouer such things to Authority or doe any act or thing that tends to the disturbance of the peace or the subuersion of this govern̄t They shall be accounted enemies to theire Maiesties present Gouern̄t & be proceeded ag<sup>t</sup> as such with uttermost severity

"Nov:br 8<sup>th</sup>: 1689, Past in the affirmative

"by the Representatives

"EBENEZER PROUT *Clerk*"<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Archives, Vol. XXXV, p. 78.

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Another publication of the period, similar to the preceding, was: |Admiral Russel's| L E T T E R | to THE | Earl of Nottingham, | Containing an Exact and Particular Relation of | the Late Happy | Victory and Success | Against | The French Fleet. | This letter which was "published by authority," gives an account of the naval engagement between the English and Dutch fleets on the one side, and the French fleet on the other, off capes La Hogue and Barfleur in May 1692. The letter of the admiral, dated Portsmouth, June 2, 1692, describes circumstantially the movements of the allied naval forces, day by day, from Wednesday, May 18, to Wednesday, May 25, and tells how the French fleet was defeated and completely destroyed.

Following this letter is a copy of a private letter from Portsmouth, dated May 29, 1692. In the latter is another brief account of the same battle. Under date of "Monday 23d of May" is a brief report of the burning of the French ships in the harbor of La Hogue. Finally under date of "Tuesday, June 7th. 1692." is more about the campaign, with the statement that the combined English and Dutch fleets were; "Ninety Nine Ships, Forty Thousand five hundred seventy five Seamen, six Thousand nine Hundred ninety four Cannons, eighty seven Fireships and Frigats." The letter ends:

"This very day brings News, That the Town of Marmur, but not the Castle have Surrendred to the *French* sooner than it needed to have done, but at so dear a rate, as 'tis hoped will cost the *French* King his Kingdom."

Then is appended this note of the reception of the news in Boston: "The Happy News of this Success and Victory, obtained by Their Majesties Royal Navy, over the *French* Fleet was Received by Their Majesties Loyal Subjects of their Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in *New-England*, with all Hearty Expressions and Demonstrations of Joy; His Excellency the Governour, being absent upon an Expedition against the Common Enemy. The Lieutenant Governour, accompanied with the Gentlemen of the Council; Principal Gentlemen, Military Officers and Merchants of the Town of *Boston*, Repairing unto the Fort, the great Ordnance at the Fort, and other Fortifications in and about the said Town, and at Their Majesties Castle, were discharged, and Loud Acclamations of God Save *King William* and *Queen Mary*, and grant them a Long and Prosperous Reign, made by the whole Concourse of People there Assembled."

This broadside consists of four pages, two columns to a page, the paper page being  $7\frac{1}{4}$  by  $11\frac{3}{4}$  inches and the type page  $5\frac{1}{2}$  by  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The heading and Admiral Russell's letter fill nearly six columns. The sheet has the imprint: "*Boston Printed, and Sold by Benjamin Harris, at the London-Coffee-House. 1692.*" A unique specimen is in the library of Harvard College and a fac-simile reproduction was published in Samuel Abbott Green's *Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Various Subjects*, Boston, 1903.

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In New York, in 1696, Governor Benjamin Fletcher recognized the growing desire in that community, to know the news, by having reprinted a copy of the London Gazette which had come into his hands and contained an account of an engagement with the French previous to the peace of Ryswick. He had already called William Bradford from Philadelphia to set up a printing shop in New York and to him he gave the order for this work. It was reported by the governor, in a letter to the lords of trade, in London, May 30, 1696:

"ship belonging to this place from Madera happily mett at sea that vessell which had Your Lord<sup>p</sup>'s packet for Virginia and brought me a Gazett which gave me an account of that horrid conspiracy against His Majesty's sacred person. I caused it to be reprinted here and proclamation was issued by advice of the Council for a day of thanksgiving throghout this province before the duplicate from Your Lord<sup>p</sup> came to hand."<sup>2</sup>

A similar reprint was brought out in Boston in 1697 bearing this imprint: "*London, Printed by J. Dawks, Re-printed at Boston, in N. E. by B. Green, and J. Allen, 1697.*" The heading is as follows: "London Septemb. 27. | Yesterday Morning arrived Three *Holland Mails*, | which bring the following Advices. | Vienna, September 18." | An original is in the Boston Public Library and it was reproduced in fac-simile in the Boston Public Library Bulletin, October, 1893, vol. XII, page 215.

Earlier than the date of the publications last mentioned a definite attempt was made to establish a real newspaper in the Massachusetts-Bay Colony, the first attempt of the kind in America. This was the single number of *Publick Occurrences* Septemper 25, 1690. The prompt action of the governor in suppressing this sheet not only put an end to its existence but also acted as an effectual deterrent to any other printer ambitious in the same direction. For more than thirteen years thereafter the journalistic field was barren. Meantime however, the familiar methods of spreading news by written letters continued, and presently, in 1703, John Campbell, who was then postmaster of Boston, undertook to write letters which were broader and fuller in news than private communications were likely to be, and which, even if not altogether public in character, were in a sense semi-official. Campbell sent his letters quite regularly to the governors of the several New England colonies, and his brother Duncan Campbell seems to have assisted him in this service. A full account and a transcript of such of the Campbell letters as have been preserved are given in this volume.

These broadsides and manuscript news letters were the immediate precursors of the real newspaper, that is a publication of news, having periodicity and continuity as its essential elements. They were followed by *The Boston News-Letter* of John Campbell, in April, 1704; and there was the real beginning of American journalism.

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<sup>2</sup> *Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York, Vol. IV, p. 150.*

# Massachusetts Periodicals

1689-1783

**F**Ollowing is a list, chronologically arranged, of newspapers and other periodicals published in Massachusetts, during the Provincial Period, beginning with the single sheet of extracts from letters of the Reverend Increase Mather in 1689, and ending with the close of the Revolution in 1783. The list is based upon a similar list in volume 9 of the Publications of The Colonial Society of Massachusetts—which has been used herewith by the kind permission of Albert Matthews of Boston.<sup>1</sup> Considerable dependence has also been placed upon the work of William Nelson of Paterson, New Jersey.<sup>2</sup> Original investigation of first sources by the editors of this Digest has added to this knowledge.

During their existence several of these newspapers were published under different names. These names have been entered separately, and, where necessary for identification, the parent title is given in connection therewith in brackets. In this list two titles,—the Campbell manuscript letters,—are not of periodicals nor even of publications. Nevertheless it has been considered quite in keeping with the character and purpose of this Digest to include them inasmuch as they were essentially of news character, and were the first expressions of that public desire for news which ultimately led to the establishment of The Boston News-Letter.

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The Present State of the New-English Affairs; Boston, 1689  
Publick Occurrences both Forreign and Domestick; Boston, September 25, 1690

Letters Written by John Campbell, Postmaster of Boston, and sent to the Governors of New England; April—October, 1703

Letters Written by Duncan Campbell of Boston and sent to Governor Winthrop of Connecticut; May, 1700—

The Boston News-Letter; April 24, 1704—December 29, 1726

The Boston Gazette; December 21, 1719—October 12, 1741

The New-England Courant; Boston, August 7, 1721—June 4, 1726

The Weekly News-Letter; Boston, January 5, 1727—October 29, 1730

The New-England Weekly Journal; Boston, March 20, 1727—October 13, 1741

The Boston Weekly News-Letter; November 5, 1730—August 25, 1757

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<sup>1</sup> Check List of Boston Newspapers, 1704-1780, by Mary Farwell Ayer, with Bibliographical Notes by Albert Matthews.

<sup>2</sup> Archives of the State of New Jersey, First Series, Vol. XII.

## MASSACHUSETTS PERIODICALS

The Weekly Rehearsal; Boston, September 27, 1731—August 11, 1735

The Boston Weekly Post-Boy; October, 1734 [?—June 4, 1750

—The Boston Evening-Post; August 18, 1735—April 24, 1775

The Boston Gazette, or, New England Weekly Journal; October 20, 1741

The Boston Gazette, or, Weekly Journal; October 27, 1741—December 26, 1752

The Boston Weekly Magazine; March 2—March 16, 1743

The Christian History; Boston, March 5, 1743—February 23, 1745

The American Magazine and Historical Chronicle; Boston, September, 1743—December, 1746

The Independent Advertiser; Boston, January 4, 1748—December 5, 1749

—The Boston Post-Boy; June 11, 1750—December 23, 1754

—The Boston Gazette, or, Weekly Advertiser; January 3, 1753—April 1, 1755

The Boston Gazette, or, Country Journal; April 7, 1755—April 5, 1756

The Boston Gazette, and Country Journal; April 12, 1756—April 5, 1779<sup>3</sup>

The Boston Weekly Advertiser [Boston Post-Boy]; August 22, 1757—December 25, 1758

The Boston News-Letter; September 1, 1757—March 18, 1762

The New England Magazine; Boston, August, 1758—1759 [?]<sup>4</sup>

Green & Russell's Boston Post-Boy & Advertiser; January 1, 1759—May 23, 1763

The Boston News-Letter. And New-England Chronicle; March 25—December 30, 1762

The Boston News-Letter, and the New-England Chronicle; January 6—March 31, 1763

The Massachusetts Gazette. And Boston News-Letter; April 7, 1763—October 31, 1765

The Boston Post-Boy & Advertiser; May 30, 1763—September 25, 1769

The Massachusetts Gazette, [Boston News-Letter]; November 7, 1765—May 15, 1766

The Massachusetts Gazette. And Boston News-Letter; May 22, 1766—May 19, 1768

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3 Published in Watertown, June 5, 1775—November, 1776.

4 Three numbers of this magazine are known to be in existence. The title of the first number reads The New England Magazine for August 1758, and that of the second and third numbers The New England Magazine Of Knowledge and Pleasure.

## MASSACHUSETTS PERIODICALS

The Boston Chronicle; December 21, 1767—June 25, 1770

The Massachusetts Gazette; Boston, May 23, 1768—September 25, 1769

The Boston Weekly News-Letter; May 26, 1768—September 21, 1769

The Essex Gazette; Salem, August 2, 1768—May 2, 1775

The Massachusetts Gazette: and the Boston Weekly News-Letter; September 28, 1769—February 22, 1776

The Massachusetts Gazette, and the Boston Post-Boy and Advertiser; October 2, 1769—April 17, 1775

The Massachusetts Spy; Boston, July 17, 1770—October 1, 1772

The Censor; Boston, November 23, 1771—May 2, 1772

The Massachusetts Spy Or, Thomas's Boston Journal; October 8, 1772—April 6, 1775

The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet: Or, the Massachusetts and New-Hampshire General Advertiser; Newburyport, December 4, 1773—June 23, 1775

The Royal American Magazine, or Universal Repository of Instruction and Amusement, Boston, January, 1774—March, 1775

The Salem Gazette and Newbury and Marblehead Advertiser; Salem, July 1, 1774—December 23, 1774

The Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty; Worcester, May 3, 1775—December 31, 1783<sup>5</sup>

The New-England Chronicle: or, The Essex Gazette, [The Essex Gazette]; Cambridge, May 12, 1775<sup>6</sup>—April 4, 1776

The Essex Journal Or, The Massachusetts and New-Hampshire General Advertiser, [The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet]; Newburyport, June 30—July 28, 1775

The Essex Journal Or, New-Hampshire Packet, [The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet]; Newburyport, August 4—November 3, 1775

The Essex Journal, and New Hampshire Packet, [The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet]; Newburyport, November 10, 1775—October 5, 1776

The New-England Chronicle; Boston, April 25—September 12, 1776

The Continental Journal, and Weekly Advertiser; Boston, May 30, 1776—December 18, 1783

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5 After the Massachusetts Spy was moved from Boston to Worcester in May, 1775 and became The Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty, no less than fourteen changes were made in the title before May, 1782. Most of these changes were of slight typographical character, but all the materially different forms of title under which this newspaper was published from its beginning in 1770 to the end of 1783 are recorded on another page herewith under the heading The Massachusetts Spy.

6 The date line is "from Tuesday, May 2 to Friday, May 12, 1775."

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The American Gazette: or, the Constitutional Journal; Salem, June 19—July 30, 1776

The Independent Chronicle, [New England Chronicle]; Boston, September 19—October 31, 1776

The Essex Journal: Or The New-Hampshire Packet And The Weekly Advertiser, [The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet]; Newburyport, November 1, 1776—December 5, 1776

The Independent Chronicle. And the Universal Advertiser, [New England Chronicle]; Boston, November 7, 1776—December 25, 1783

The Essex Journal, [The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet]; Newburyport, December 11, 1776—February 13, 1777

The Independent Ledger, and American Advertiser; Boston, June 15—July 13, 1778

The Independent Ledger and the American Advertiser; Boston, July 20, 1778—December 29, 1783

The Evening Post; and the General Advertiser; Boston, October 17, 1778—February 26, 1780

The Boston Gazette, and the Country Journal, April 12, 1779—December 29, 1783

The Morning Chronicle; and the General Advertiser, [Evening Post]; Boston, March 9—May 11, 1780

The Salem Gazette and General Advertiser; January 2—September 4, 1781

The Salem Gazette; October 18, 1781—December 25, 1783

The Boston Evening Post: and the General Advertiser; October 20, 1781—December 27, 1783

The Massachusetts Gazette, Or The Springfield and Northampton Weekly Advertiser; Springfield, May 14—August [?], 1782

The Massachusetts Gazette Or, The General Advertiser, [The Massachusetts Gazette, or The Springfield and Northampton Weekly Advertiser]; Springfield, September [3?], 1782—December 23, 1783

The Massachusetts Herald: or Worcester Journal; September 6, 15, 20, and 27, 1783

The Boston Magazine, October, and December, 1783

Following is a list of the several newspapers which during the Provincial Period were published under different titles. Appended thereto are the names under which those newspapers were successively published.

### → Boston News-Letter; 1704—1776

The Boston News-Letter; April 24, 1704—December 29, 1726

The Weekly News-Letter; January 5, 1727—October 29, 1730

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— The Boston Weekly News-Letter; November 5, 1730—August 25, 1757

The Boston News-Letter; September 1, 1757—March 18, 1762

The Boston News-Letter. And New-England Chronicle; March 25—December 30, 1762

The Boston News-Letter, and the New-England Chronicle; January 6—March 31, 1763

The Massachusetts Gazette. And Boston News-Letter; April 7, 1763—October 31, 1765

The Massachusetts Gazette; November 7, 1765—May 15, 1766

The Massachusetts Gazette. And Boston News-Letter; May 22, 1766—May 19, 1768

The Boston Weekly News-Letter; May 26, 1768—September 21, 1769

The Massachusetts Gazette: and the Boston Weekly News-Letter; September 28, 1769—February 22, 1776

— Boston Gazette; 1719—1783

The Boston Gazette; December 21, 1719—October 12, 1741

The Boston Gazette, or, New England Weekly Journal; October 20, 1741

The Boston Gazette, or, Weekly Journal; October 27, 1741—December 26, 1752

— The Boston Gazette, or, Weekly Advertiser; January 3, 1753—April 1, 1755

The Boston Gazette, or Country Journal; April 7, 1755—April 5, 1756

The Boston Gazette, and Country Journal; April 12, 1756—April 5, 1779

The Boston Gazette, and the Country Journal; April 12, 1779—December 29, 1783

— Boston Post-Boy; 1734—1775

The Boston Weekly Post-Boy; October, 1734 [?—June 4, 1750

— The Boston Post-Boy; June 11, 1750—December 23, 1754

The Boston Weekly Advertiser; August 22, 1757—December 25, 1758

Green & Russell's Boston Post-Boy & Advertiser; January 1, 1759—May 23, 1763

The Boston Post-Boy & Advertiser; May 30, 1763—September 25, 1769

The Massachusetts Gazette, and the Boston Post-Boy and Advertiser; October 2, 1769—April 17, 1775

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### **Essex Gazette; 1768—1776<sup>7</sup>**

The Essex Gazette; August 2, 1768—May 2, 1775  
The New-England Chronicle: or, The Essex Gazette; May 12,  
1775—April 4, 1776

### **Massachusetts Spy; 1770—1783**

The Massachusetts Spy; July 17, 1770—October 1, 1772  
The Massachusetts Spy Or, Thomas's Boston Journal; October  
8, 1772—April 6, 1775  
The Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty;  
May 3, 1775—August 9, 1775  
Thomas's Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty;  
August 16, 1775—May 31, 1776  
The Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty;  
June 21, 1776[?—August [?], 1777  
Haswell's Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty;  
August 14, 1777—December 4, 1777  
The Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty;  
December 11, 1777—March 19, 1778  
Haswell's Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty;  
March 26, 1778—June 18, 1778  
Thomas's Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty;  
June 25, 1778—May 17, 1781  
Thomas's Massachusetts Spy Or, The Worcester Gazette;  
May 24, 1781—April 4, 1782  
Thomas's The Massachusetts Spy: Or, Worcester Gazette;  
April 11, 1782—December 31, 1783

### **Essex Journal; 1773—1777**

The Essex Journal, and Merimack Packet: Or, the Massachusetts and New-Hampshire General Advertiser; December 4,  
1773—June 23, 1775  
The Essex Journal Or, The Massachusetts and New-Hampshire  
General Advertiser; June 30—July 28, 1775  
The Essex Journal Or, New-Hampshire Packet; August 4—  
November 3, 1775  
The Essex Journal, and New-Hampshire Packet; November  
10, 1775—October 5, 1776

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<sup>7</sup> See New England Chronicle. The Essex Gazette, started in Salem in 1768, was the parent of the several newspapers known in later years by the name Chronicle. When the publishers removed to Cambridge in 1775 they prefixed the Chronicle name to their publication. When the newspaper was removed from Cambridge to Boston the Essex Gazette part of the title was discarded and as the Chronicle it was longest and best known. For that reason its later titles have been here placed under the heading New-England Chronicle.

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The Essex Journal: Or The New-Hampshire Packet And The Weekly Advertiser; November 1, 1776—December 5, 1776  
The Essex Journal; December 11, 1776—February 13, 1777

New-England Chronicle; 1775—1783

The New-England Chronicle: or The Essex Gazette; May 12, 1775—April 4, 1776

The New-England Chronicle; April 25—September 12, 1776

The Independent Chronicle; September 19—October 31, 1776

The Independent Chronicle. And the Universal Advertiser; November 7, 1776—December 25, 1783

Independent Ledger; 1778—1783

The Independent Ledger, and American Advertiser; June 15—July 13, 1778

The Independent Ledger, and the American Advertiser; July 20, 1778—December 29, 1783

Evening Post; 1778—1780

The Evening Post; and the General Advertiser; October 17, 1778—February 26, 1780

The Morning Chronicle; and the General Advertiser; March 9—May 11, 1780

Massachusetts Gazette; 1782—1783

The Massachusetts Gazette, Or The Springfield and Northampton Weekly Advertiser; May 14—August [?], 1782

The Massachusetts Gazette, Or the General Advertiser; September [3?], 1782—December 23, 1783

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SEVERAL accounts of the newspapers and their printers in the Massachusetts-Bay Province have been written, and many incidental references throwing light upon them are found in various historical and other publications. The subjoined list of authorities makes no pretence to minute completeness, but it embraces the titles of those works upon which the investigator must principally depend. In fact the editors are confident that nothing of substantial importance has been omitted from it.

A Narrative of the Newspapers printed in New-England—In a letter to the President of the Historical Society, from one of the members. In the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society for the year 1798. Boston, 1798. Vol. V, pp. 208—216.

This paper appears to have been the first printed account of the earliest American newspapers. It is signed A. Z. and the author was the Reverend John Eliot, D.D., pastor of the New North Church, Boston, and one of the founders and the first librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society. The sketch is brief and, naturally, inadequate, and it contains numerous errors. It presents some interesting facts but on the whole is not of much value.

Continuation of the Narrative of Newspapers published in New-England, from the year 1704 to the Revolution; in a letter from one of the members to the president of the society. In the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society for the year 1800. Boston, 1800. Vol. VI, pp. 64—67.

This paper was also from the pen of the Reverend John Eliot and is open to the same criticism as its predecessor. In it is included a brief two-page sketch of the newspapers of Connecticut from 1755 to 1800, written by the great lexicographer, Noah Webster, and enumerating seventeen publications.

The History of Printing in America. With a Biography of Printers, and an Account of Newspapers. To which is prefixed a concise view of the Discovery and Progress of the Art in Other Parts of the World. In two volumes. By Isaiah Thomas, Printer, Worcester, Massachusetts. Worcester: From the press of Isaiah Thomas jun. Isaac Sturtevant, Printer. 1810.

This two-volume work has always been and undoubtedly always will be the fundamental source of information for the period which it covers. Thomas was a successful printer and publisher, an editor of wide experience, a shrewd observer, and an indefatigable collector of literature bearing upon the printing of books and newspapers. Beginning printing in 1755 he was, for half a century, one of the most active and most able newspaper men of Massachusetts. He had an extensive acquaintance with his contemporaries and his youthful years overlapped the closing years of those who had been

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the founders of Massachusetts journalism. His work partakes more of the character of the hasty newsgatherer and gossipy recorder than of the painstaking historian. Much is absent from it that we should be glad to know today and its pages have many inaccuracies. Nevertheless, despite its deficiencies, it is invaluable. The History was first published in Worcester in 1810. It was republished in 1874 by Joel Munsell, Albany, N. Y., for the American Antiquarian Society of Worcester, Mass. being volumes V and VI in the Transactions and Collections of that Society. This edition has a memoir of the author by his grandson Benjamin Franklin Thomas; voluminous and valuable explanatory and critical notes by John R. Bartlett, Samuel F. Haven, Joel Munsell and H. G. Jones; and, as an appendix, a "catalogue of publications in what is now the United States, prior to the revolution of 1775—6," compiled by Dr. Samuel F. Haven.

*The Life and Errors of John Dunton, Citizen of London; With the lives and characters of more than a thousand Contemporary Divines, and other persons of literary eminence. To which are added, Dunton's Conversation in Ireland; Selections from his other genuine Works: and a faithful portrait of the author. Two vols., London 1818.*

*Letters Written from New England, A. D. 1686, by John Dunton. In which are described his voyages by sea, his travels on land and the characters of his friends and acquaintances. Now first published from the original manuscript, in the Bodleian Library, Oxford. With notes and an appendix, by W. H. Whitmore. Boston: Published for the Prince Society, 1867.*

John Dunton, the eccentric printer and bookseller, visited Boston with an invoice of books to sell, in 1685, and remained in Massachusetts more than a year. He wrote much and spiritedly concerning the people of his time and his pen pictures of those whom he met in Massachusetts add to our knowledge of men and manners of that period. The first edition of his Life and Errors was published in 1705. His Letters Written from New England, edited by W. H. Whitmore, is more full in its descriptions of the Boston printers and booksellers than the London book. Students of early New England life cannot afford to overlook it.

*A History of Harvard University from its Foundation in the year 1636, to the period of the American Revolution. By Benjamin Pierce. Cambridge, 1833.*

*The American Historical Magazine and Literary Record. New Haven, 1836.*

*Specimens of Newspaper Literature: with Personal Memoirs, Anecdotes, and Reminiscences. By Joseph T. Buckingham. Boston, 1850.*

This work is also known as Buckingham's Reminiscences, which title appears on the backbone of the cover. It is in two volumes

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and treats of the newspapers of all New England. In the first volume are included the newspapers from 1704 to the close of the Revolution; in the second volume are those subsequent to that time and into the following century. Buckingham was a famous newspaper and magazine editor, from 1799 to 1861, and this work of his, while primarily based on that of Thomas, is enriched with much valuable information derived from examination of original files and from personal knowledge. It amplifies and extends the Thomas History in both biography and bibliography, and corrects some of the errors of its predecessor.

Personal Memoirs and Recollections of Editorial Life. By Joseph T. Buckingham. Two vols., Boston 1852.

Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. Printed by Order of the Legislature. Edited by Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, M. D., Member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and Member of the American Antiquarian Society. Five vols., Boston, 1853—1854.

Account of the Newspapers and other Periodicals, published in Salem, from 1768 to 1856. By Gilbert L. Streeter. In the Proceedings of the Essex Institute. Salem, Mass., 1856. Vol. I. 1848 to 1856.

This short sketch contains some small particulars which do not appear in the works of Thomas or Buckingham.

Historical Magazine (The), and Notes and Queries concerning the Antiquities, History, and Biography of America. Boston, 1857—1875.

History of New England. By John Gorham Palfrey. Five vols., Boston, 1858—1890.

A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England. By James Savage. Four vols., Boston, 1860—1862.

Biographical Sketches of Loyalists of the American Revolution, with an Historical Essay. By Lorenzo Sabine. Two vols., Boston, 1864.

Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin. By James Parton. Two vols., New York, 1864.

The Life of Benjamin Franklin, written by himself. Now first edited from original manuscripts and from his printed correspondence and other writings. By John Bigelow. Philadelphia, 1874.

The Andros Tracts: being a Collection of Pamphlets and Official Papers issued during the period between the Overthrow of the Andros Government and the Establishment of the Second Charter of Massachusetts. With notes and a Memoir of Sir Edmund Andros. Edited

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by W. H. Whitmore. Three vols. Publications of the Prince Society. Boston, 1868—1874.

Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. By John Langdon Sibley, M. A., Librarian of Harvard University, and Member of the Massachusetts and other Historical Societies. Three vols., Cambridge, 1873.

Journalism in the United States, from 1690 to 1872. By Frederic Hudson. New York, 1873.

Mr. Hudson began his account of journalism in the United States with ancient Rome, Greece and China, and devoted most of his book to the newspaper history of his own time. Consequently he had scant space—98 pages—for the American newspapers of the eighteenth century, and in that part of his work he gives practically very little except what he derived from the pages of Thomas' History and Buckingham's Specimens. He reprinted the Publick Occurrences (not accurately), part of one of John Campbell's manuscript news letters, the domestic items of the first number of The Boston News-Letter, extracts from The Boston Gazette, The New England Courant, and The New York Gazette of William Bradford; gave an account of the libel suit against Peter Zenger in 1734; and treated briefly of the editors, publishers, writers, news and advertisements of the press of the Revolutionary period.

History of Cambridge, Mass. 1630—1877. By Lucius Robinson Paige. Boston, 1877.

Diary of Samuel Sewall. In the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Fifth Series, Vols. V, VI and VII. Boston, 1878, 1879, 1882.

Curiosities of History. By William W. Wheildon. Boston, 1880.

The Memorial History of Boston, Including Suffolk County, Massachusetts. 1630—1880. Edited by Justin Winsor, Librarian of Harvard University. In Four Volumes. Boston, 1881.

In this work five chapters treat, directly or indirectly, of this subject. These are The Literature of the Colonial Period, by Justin Winsor, vol. I, pp. 453—484; The Indian Tongue and Its Literature, by J. Hammond Trumbull, vol. I, pp. 465—480; The Press and Literature of the Provincial Period, by Delano A. Goddard [then editor of the Boston Daily Advertiser], vol. II, pp. 387—436; The Pulpit, Press, and Literature of the Revolution, by Delano A. Goddard, vol. III, pp. 119—148; and The Press and Literature of the Last Hundred Years, by Charles A. Cummings, vol. III, pp. 617—682.

History and Present Condition of the Newspaper and Periodical Press of the United States, with a Catalogue of the Publications of the Census Year. By S. N. D. North, Special Agent. Washington, Government Printing Office. 1884. [Part of Vol. VIII of the Tenth Census—1880—of the United States.]

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Although this is an exhaustive treatment of its subject as a whole, the part relating to the newspapers of the pre-revolutionary period is inadequate and abundant in error. Mr. North did little more than transcribe from Thomas' History and Buckingham's Reminiscenses, and faithfully perpetuated the errors of those writers with the addition of others of his own. His chronological history is of some value, though not as relating to the provincial period. He reprints the catalogue of the newspaper files in the library of the American Antiquarian Society.

Narrative and Critical History of America. Edited by Justin Winsor. Eight vols., Boston, 1886—1889.

Letter-Book of Samuel Sewall. In the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Sixth Series, Vols. I and II. Boston, 1886 and 1888.

The Cambridge Press. By Andrew McFarland Davis. In the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society. April 25, 1888. Worcester, 1888.

Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey. Edited by William Nelson. Vol. XII. Paterson, N. J., 1895.

This volume carries on its cover the title, New Jersey Archives First Series, and thus the work to which it belongs is commonly known. A bastard title page gives another variant as follows: Archives of the State of New Jersey. A sub-title on the full title page is: Some Account of American Newspapers, particularly of the Eighteenth Century, and Libraries in which they may be found. Part II. Massachusetts. The volume is mainly a reprinting of the news relating to New Jersey, taken from these early newspapers. The "account" of the newspapers is an introduction of 132 pages, historical, biographical and bibliographical, chronologically arranged. Reviewing as it does the newspapers of all the American colonies for the entire eighteenth century, Mr. Nelson's work is the most complete compilation of its kind that has been made. It gives a great amount of information lacking in other authorities, and has reprints of the headings of the newspapers, many in fac-simile; its list of files and libraries, albeit far from complete, and not conveniently arranged, is very valuable.

The Literary History of the American Revolution, 1763—1783. By Moses Coit Tyler. Two vols., New York, 1897.

A List of early American Broadsides, 1680—1800, belonging to the library of the American Antiquarian Society. With an Introduction and Notes by Nathaniel Paine. In the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society. Worcester, Mass., April, 1897.

Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Old Boston and Neighborhood. By Samuel Abbott Green. Boston, Massachusetts, 1901.

This contains an historical account of the publication, Publick Occurrences, September 25, 1690, a fac-simile reproduction of its

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three pages and a reprint of the order of suppression by the governor and council.

Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to New England. By Samuel Abbott Green, Boston, Massachusetts, 1902.

This contains an exhaustive and scholarly account of Stephen Daye, of Cambridge, the first American printer, and his work, with reproductions.

Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Various Subjects. By Samuel Abbott Green. Boston, 1903.

This is the third and concluding volume of the series published under similar title. It contains fac-simile reprints of the title-page of a unique copy of Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress, printed in Boston in 1681; of the broadsides, The Present State of the New-English Affairs, Boston 1689, and Admiral Russel's Letter to the Earl of Nottingham, Boston, 1692; the two pages of both the first and the second edition of the first issue of The Boston News-Letter, April 24, 1704; the two pages of the issue of The New England Courant, for February 11, 1723; and the two pages of the issue of The New England Weekly Journal for April 8, 1728. These reproductions are accompanied with descriptive and critical text by Dr. Green.

American Bibliography, By Charles Evans. A Chronological Dictionary of all Books, Pamphlets and Periodical Publications printed in the United States of America from the Genesis of Printing in 1639 down to and including the year 1820. With Bibliographical and Biographical Notes. Vol. I, 1639—1729; Vol. II, 1730—1750. Chicago, 1903—1904.

The Development of Freedom of the Press in Massachusetts. By Clyde Augustus Duniway, associate professor of history in Leland Stanford Junior University. Vol. XII of Harvard Historical Studies. New York, 1906.

This work treats of the control of the press in England and in Massachusetts from 1638 onward. The assumption of governmental authority over the newspapers of the period, particularly the Publick Occurrences, Campbell's Boston News-Letter, The Boston Gazette, Franklin's New-England Courant, and Fleet's Boston Evening-Post, is well considered. A complete list of sources and titles of secondary authorities adds much to the value of the work.

The Cambridge Press 1638—1692. A History of the First Printing Press Established in English America, Together with a Bibliographical List of the Issues of the Press. By Robert F. Roden. New York, 1905.

Check List of Boston Newspapers, 1704—1780. By Mary Farwell Ayer. With Bibliographical Notes by Albert Matthews. Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts. Vol. IX, 1907.

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As its name indicates, this is a check list, showing in what principal libraries of the United States the issues of the provincial newspapers, so far as they are known to be in existence, are preserved. It is a work of incalculable value and indispensable to every student of the eighteenth century journalism of Massachusetts. The Bibliographical Notes by Mr. Matthews constitute by far the most interesting, most valuable and most scholarly historical review of the newspapers included in the period covered that has yet been printed. This, combined with the biographical and historical accounts of the printers, publishers and editors, and their work, has left little to be done by any future historian or compiler, except the actual reprinting of the contents of these papers.

The Essex Institute Historical Society. Collections. Forty vols. Salem, Mass., 1859—1907.

Massachusetts Archives. (MSS.) In the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Boston. Vols. 241 + 3 + 82. 1622—1788.

Massachusetts Council Records. (MSS.) Executive Proceedings of the Governor's Council. In the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1650—1908. Boston.

Massachusetts Historical Society. Proceedings, Boston, 1879—1909.

Massachusetts Historical Society. Collections. Boston, 1792—1909.

New-England Historical and Genealogical Register, (The). Sixty-three vols. The New-England Historic Genealogical Society. Boston, 1847—1909.

Transcripts (MSS.) of Harvard College Records. By Andrew McFarland Davis. In Harvard College Library.

JOURNAL OF THE Votes and Proceedings OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Of the COLONY of NEW YORK. Began the 9th Day of April, 1691; AND Ended the 27th of September, 1743. Two volumes. Published by Order of the General Assembly. NEW YORK. Printed by Hugh Gaine, at his Book-Store and Printing-Office at the Bible & Crown, in Hanover Square. M,DCC,LXIV.

This work is interesting in that it has the exact text of the addresses of the colonial governors, and the legislative enactments, many of which are printed in full or in part—sometimes incorrectly—or are briefly referred to in communications from New York to the News-Letter.

The Acts and Resolves, Public and Private, of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: to which are prefixed the Charters of the Province, with Historical and Explanatory Notes and Appendix. Published under Chapter 87 of the Resolves of the General Court of the Commonwealth for the year 1867. Boston [printed for the State]: 1869—.

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Fifteen volumes published (Vol. XV bearing date 1908) covering the Province laws from 1692 to 1756. Other volumes in preparation. The part in which material bearing on the provincial press is to be found is Vol. VIII, being Vol. III of the Appendix, containing Resolves etc. 1703-1707, and is embraced in the Notes to the Resolves, pp. 263-801, prepared by Abner Cheney Goodell, the scholarly first editor of the work. The editor succeeding Mr. Goodell, who declined reappointment in 1900, is Melville Madison Bigelow.

1689-1707  
THE PRESENT STATE OF THE  
NEW-ENGLISH AFFAIRS  
PUBLICK OCCURRENCES  
THE CAMPBELL NEWS LETTERS  
THE BOSTON NEWS-LETTER

The following abbreviations as they are appended beneath the titles of the newspapers included in this Digest indicate libraries in which original copies of the respective issues have been preserved. In each instance the library that contains the copy which has been transcribed for the Digest is specially indicated by initials in black face. The letter *m* in brackets following initials indicates that the copy preserved in that library is mutilated.

- A S = American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts
- B A = Boston Athenæum, Boston
- B P = Boston Public Library, Boston
- B S = Bostonian Society, Boston
- C H = Connecticut Historical Society
- D C = Dartmouth College Library, Hanover, New Hampshire
- E I = Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts
- G S = New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston
- H U = Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- L C = Library of Congress, Washington
- L P = Library Company of Philadelphia
- M H = Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston
- M S = Massachusetts State Library, Boston
- N H = New Jersey Historical Society
- N J = New Jersey State Library
- N P = New York Public Library, New York
- N S = New York State Library
- N Y = New York Historical Society, New York
- P H = Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- W H = State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
- Y U = Yale University

## The Present State of the New-English Affairs

A BROADSIDE, brought out in 1689, this publication bears the imprint "Boston, Printed and Sold by *Samuel Green*." It is a single sheet printed on one side; the paper page is 8 by 14½ inches, while the type page, in two columns, is 6¾ by 12 inches. The first column is filled by the extract from the letter of the Reverend Increase Mather to Governor Simon Bradstreet, dated: "Sept. 3, 1689 from Deal in Kent." In the second column appear "A Passage extracted from the publick News-Letter, [of London] Dated July 6, 1689"; the extract from Mr. Mather's letter to his son the Reverend Cotton Mather, and the paragraph regarding the overthrow of Andros.

A solitary specimen of this publication has been preserved, and is in the Massachusetts Archives, volume XXXV, page 83, in the State House, Boston. The sheet has been reprinted in the Massachusetts Magazine, Boston, October, 1789, volume I, page 642; in the Collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society, in 1824 and 1866, volume I, pages 252-255 and volume VIII, pages 258-260; and in The Andros Tracts, volume II, pages 15-18. It has also been twice reproduced in fac-simile: first in 1902, by William Green Shillaber of the Club of Odd Volumes, and again in 1903 by Dr. Samuel Abbott Green in his Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Various Subjects.

With his reproduction Mr. Shillaber refers to the sheet as, "the first attempt at newspaper publication on this side of the Atlantic ocean." Whether or not it is entitled to be regarded as a newspaper, and, therefore, the first in the English colonies of America has ever been a subject of controversy among students. When first reprinted in 1789 it was called "a Handbill or Newspaper Extraordinary." Joel Munsell in 1874, Charles Evans in 1903, and George H. Sargent in 1905 have suggested or contended that it was a newspaper, and argument has been made in support thereof. William H. Whitmore in 1869, Delano A. Goddard in 1881, William Nelson in 1895, Samuel Abbott Green in 1901, Professor Clyde A. Duniway in 1906, and Albert Matthews in 1906 have agreed in characterizing the sheet as a broadside.

The concensus of opinion is that the print was not a newspaper. Strictly speaking it was not even an attempt at a newspaper, an essential distinction of which is successive and regular publication. Still in it was a germ of the coming newspaper. For an extended consideration of this publication and the arguments concerning it, see a paper by Albert Matthews in the Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, volume X, pages 310-320.

# The Present State of the New-English Affairs.

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**This is Published to prevent False Reports**

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*An Extract of a Letter from Mr. Mather, To the Govenour, Dated Sept. 3, 1689 from Deal in Kent.*

**T**he House of Commons Ordered a Bill to be drawn up for the Restoration of Charters to all Corporations. Some Enemies of *New-England* did bestir themselves on that Occasion. But it has pleased God to succeed Endeavours and Sollicitations here so far, so that *N. E.* is particularly mentioned in the Bill.

It has been read twice, and after that referred unto a Committee for Emendations. What concerns *N. England* passed without any great opposition. The Bill has been in part read the third Time, and the Charters of *N.-Eng.* then also passed without Objection. Only some Additional Clauses respecting Corporations here, caused Debates; so that the Bill is not yet Enacted.

In the latter end of *June*, a Vessel from *Mount Hope* arrived here, which brought your Declaration of *April 18.* with an account of the Revolution in *New-England*. The week after I went to *Hampton Court*, and had the favour to wait on His Majesty, who told me, *That He did accept of, and was well pleased with what was done in New-England, and that he would order the Secretary of State to signifie so much, and that His Subjects there should have their Ancient Rights and Priviledges restored to them.*

The King has sent a Gracious Letter (which was delivered to me, and if I return not my self, I shall take care that it be sent to you) bearing Date *August 12.* *Wherein He signifie His Royal Approbation* of what has been done at *Boston*, and assures you that the Government there shall be settled, so as shall be for the Security and Satisfaction of His Subjects in that Colony, and in the mean time bids you go on to Administer the Laws, and manage the Government, according as in your Address you have Petitioned.

My Lord *Morden* (now Earl of *Monmouth*) bade me assure you that He would be your Friend, and he bade me tell you from him, *That your Charters should be restored to you by Act of Parliament.*

I have been with most of the Kings most Honourable Privy Council, who have promised to befriend *New-England* as there shall be occasion for it. The like I may say, of all the *Leading* men in the Parliament.

## NEW-ENGLISH AFFAIRS

I have been in the *Downs* a fortnight, and Aboard Mr. *Clark*, several Nights, but the Wind has been against us. And we now hear that the *New-found-Land* Convoyes (on whose Assistance we had a Dependance) are gone.

*Superscribed To the Honourable*

*Simon Bradstreet, Esq;*

*Governour of the Massachusetts Colony in N-England.*

*A Passage extracted from the publick News-Letter, Dated*

*July 6. 1689.*

THE people of *New England* having made a thorow Revolution, and secured the publick Criminals. On *Thursday* last, the Reverend and Learned Mr. *Mather*, President of the *Colledge*, and Minister of *Boston*, waited on the King; and in a most Excellent Speech laid before His Majesty, the State of that People; saying, *That they were sober, and Industrious, and fit for Martial Service; and all with their Lives and Interests were at His Majesties Command, to tender the same unto His Majesty: That they desired nothing but His Majesties Acceptance of what they had done, and His Protection; and that if His Majesty pleased to encourage and Commission them, He might easily be Emperour of America.* His Majesty assured him, that He was pleased with what was done for Him, and for themselves in the Revolution, and that their Priviledges and Religion should be secured unto them.

*Extracted from a Letter of Mr. Mather, to his Son, Dated*

*Sept. 2. 1689.*

On *July 4.* The King said unto me, *That He did kindly Accept of what was done in Boston. And that His Subjects in New-England should have their Ancient Rights and Priviledges Restored and Confirmed unto them.* Yea, He told me, *That if it were in his power to cause it to be done it should be done*, and bade me rest assured of it.

The *Charter-Bill* is not finished, because some Additional Clauses respecting Corporations here in *England* caused a Debate; and the Parliament is for some weeks Adjourned.

Besides the Letter from the Kings Majesty, whereof we have notice as above; there is now arrived, an Order from His Majesty to the Government, bearing Date, *July 30. 1689.*

Requiring, *That Sir Edmund Andross, Edward Randolph, and others, that have been Seized by the people of Boston, and shall be at the Receipt of these Commands, Detained there, under Confinement, be sent on Board the first Ship, bound to England, to answer what may be objected against them.*

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Again, Dunton, when in Boston, hearing of Harris' intention of "coming over hither" wrote:<sup>9</sup>

"To speak the Truth, Mr. Benj. Harris has had many good Thoughts, tho' he has wanted the Art of improving 'em; and could he fix his Mercury a little, and not be so volatile, he wou'd do well enough."

In Boston, in 1690, Harris was established "at the London Coffee House, near the Town House," where he sold Cotton Mather's Wonderful Works of God Commemorated. His connection with the Publick Occurrences did not permanently place him under official disapproval for two years later he had the following commission:

"By his excellency—I order Benjamin Harris to print the Acts and Laws made by the Great and General Court, or Assembly of their Majesties Province of Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, that we the People may be informed thereof.

"Boston, December 16, 1692.

WILLIAM PHIPPS."

In 1694 he was at "The Sign of the Bible Over-against the Blew-Anchor" tavern. Soon after he returned to London and resumed business there. As publisher of the London Post he incurred the disfavor of many, including his former friend Dunton, who now wrote of him;<sup>10</sup>

"I should have been much concerned if Ben Harris had given me a good word, for his commendation is the greatest reproach that an honest man can meet with. He is so far from having any dealings with Truth and Honesty, that his solemn word, which he calls as good as his bond, is a studied falsehood, and he scandalizes Truth and Honesty in pretending to write for it. His 'London Post,' or weighing of Truth and Honesty, resembles the Bird of Athens; for it seems to be made up of face and feathers; for setting aside his Billingsgate language and hunting up and down the world for any occasion of venting his fulsome slander, there is very little of wit or honesty in him, but what he hath stolen from 'The Wandering Spy,' or his own hypocritical heart. . . . And had he called me 'honest man,' I should have thought it a great slander; but, seeing he has the boldness to acknowledge he called me Knave, were I to assign his punishment, that Harris might see how much I forgave him, he should only be lashed every Monday and Friday, the two days he published the 'London Post' at his own door, by the common hangman; and every Monday and Thursday own himself a knave and coward, &c.

9 Letters From New England, p. 144.

10 Life and Errors of John Dunton. Vol. II, pp. 465-466.

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in the 'London Gazette,' till such time he had asked pardon of Dr. Partridge, John Dunton and the other persons he wronged in the 'London Post.' Or should he escape doing penance in the printed sheets, yet we shall find him a second time in the pillory, with his Wife, like a kind rib, standing by, to defend him against the mob."

Richard Pierce who printed the Publick Occurrences was, according to Thomas, the fifth printer in Boston.<sup>11</sup> Little is known of him, except that he was probably a printer of London and came to New England after 1679. As late as 1695 he was in business in Boston. He married, August 27, 1680, Sarah Cotton, daughter of the Reverend Seaborn Cotton.<sup>12</sup>

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11 History of Printing. Vol. I, p. 89.

12 New England Historical and Genealogical Register. April, 1876. Vol. XXX, p. 239; Letters from New England, p. 76.

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Both *FORREIGN* and *DOMESTICK*.

Boston, Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. 1690.

**I**T is designed, that the Countrey shall be furnished once a moneth (or if any Glut of Occurrences happen, oftener,) with an Account of such considerable things as have arrived unto our Notice.

In order hereunto, the Publisher will take what pains he can to obtain a Faithful Relation of all such things; and will particularly make himself behoden to such Persons in Boston whom he knows to have been for their own use the diligent Observers of such matters.

That which is herein proposed, is, First, That Memorable Occurrents of Divine Providence may not be neglected or forgotten, as they too often are. Secondly, That people every where may better understand the Circumstances of Publique Affairs, both abroad and at home; which may not only direct their Thoughts at all times, but at some times also to assist their Businesses and Negotiations.

Thirdly, That something may be done towards the Curing, or at least the Charming of that Spirit of Lying, which prevails amongst us, wherefore nothing shall be entered, but what we have reason to believe is true, repairing to the best fountains for our Information. And when there appears any material mistake in any thing that is collected, it shall be corrected in the next.

Moreover, the Publisher of these Occurrences is willing to eugage, that whereas, there are many False Reports, maliciously made, and spread among us, if any well-minded person will be at the pains to trace any such false Report, so far as to find out and Convict the First Raiser of it, he will in this Paper (unless just Advice be given to to the contrary) expose the Name of such person, as A malicious Raiser of a false Report. It is suppos'd that none will dislike this Proposal, but such as intend to be guilty of so villanous a Crime.

**T**he Christianized Indians in some parts of *Plimouth*, have newly appointed a day of Thanksgiving to God for his Mercy in supplying their extream and pinching Necessities under their late want of Corn, & for His giving them now a prospect of a very *Comfortable Harvest*. Their Example may be worth Mentioning.

Tis observed by the Husbandmen, that altho' the With-draw of so great a strength from them, as what is in the Forces lately gone for *Canada*, made them think it almost impossible for them to get well through the Affairs of their Husbandry at this time of the year, yet the Season has been so unusually favourable that they scarce find any

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want of the many hundreds of hands, that are gone from them; which is looked upon as a Merciful Providence.

While the barbarous *Indians* were lurking about *Chelmsford*, there were missing about the beginning of this month a couple of Children belonging to a man of that Town, one of them aged about eleven, the other aged about nine years, both of them supposed to be fallen into the hands of the *Indians*.

A very *Tragical Accident* happened at *Water-Town*, the beginning of this Month, an *Old man*, that was of somewhat a Silent and Morose Temper, but one that had long Enjoyed the reputation of a *Sober* and a *Pious Man*, having newly buried his Wife, The Devil took advantage of the Melancholy which he thereupon fell into, his Wives discretion and industry had long been the support of his Family, and he seemed hurried with an impertinent fear that he should now come to want before he dyed, though he had very careful friends to look after him who kept a strict eye upon him, least he should do himself any harm. But one evening escaping from them into the Cowhouse, they there quickly followed him found him *hanging by a Rope*, which they had used to tye their *Calves* withal, he was dead with his feet near touching the Ground.

Epidemical *Fevers* and *Agues* grow very common, in some parts of the Country, whereof, tho' many dye not, yet they are sorely unfitted for their imployments; but in some parts a more *malignant Fever* seems to prevail in such sort that it usually goes thro' a Family where it comes, and proves *Mortal* unto many.

The *Small-pox* which has been raging in *Boston*, after a manner very Extraordinary, is now very much abated. It is thought that far more have been sick of it then were visited with it, when it raged so much twelve years ago, nevertheless it has not been so Mortal. The number of them that have dyed in *Boston* by this last Visitation is about *three hundred and twenty*, which is not perhaps half so many as fell by the former. The Time of its being most *General*, was in the Months *June, July, and August*, then 'twas that sometimes in some one Congregation on a Lords-day there would be Bills desiring prayers for above an *hundred Sick*. It seized upon all sorts of people that came in the way of it, it infected even *Children in the bellies of Mothers that had themselves undergone the Disease many years ago*; for some such were now born full of the Distemper. 'Tis not easy to relate the Trouble and Sorrow that poor *Boston* has felt by this *Epidemical Contagion*. But we hope it will be pretty nigh Extinguished, by that time twelve month when it first began to Spread. It now unhappily spreads in several other places, among which our Garrisons in the *East* are to be reckoned some of the greatest Sufferers.

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Altho' *Boston* did a few weeks ago, meet with a Disaster by *Fire*, which consumed about *twenty Houses* near the *Mill-Creek*, yet about midnight, between the sixteenth and seventeenth of this Instant, *another Fire* broke forth near the *South-Meeting-House*, which consumed about five or six houses, and had almost carried the Meeting-house it self, one of the fairest Edifices in the Country, if God had not remarkably assisted the Endeavours of the People to put out the Fire. There were two more considerable Circumstances in the Calamities of this Fire, one was that a young man belonging to the House where the Fire began, unhappily perished in the Flames; it seems that tho' he might sooner awake than some others who did escape, yet he some way lost those Wits that should have taught him to help himself. Another was that the best furnished *PRINTING-PRESS*, of those few that we know of in *America*, was lost; a loss not presently to be repaired.

There lately arrived at *Piscataqua*, one *Papoon* from *Penobscot*, in a small Shallop, wherein he had used to attend upon the pleasure of *Casteen*, but took his oportunity to run away, and reports: That a Vessel of small Bulk bound from *Bristol* to *Virginia*, having been so long at Sea, till they were prest with want, put in at *Penobscot* instead of *Piscataqua*, where the *Indians* and *French* seized her, and Butchered the Master, and several of the men: but that himself who belonged unto the Ships Crew, being a *Jersey*-man, was more favourably used, & found at length an advantage to make his Escape.

The chief discourse of this month has been about the affairs of the Western Expedition against *Canada*. The *Albanians*, *New-Yorkers* and the *five Nations of Indians*, in the *West*, had long been pressing of the *Massachusetts* to make an Expedition by Sea, into *Canada*, and still made us believe, that they stayed for us, and that while we assaulted *Quebeck*, they would pass the *Lake*, and by Land make a Descent upon *Mount Real*. Accordingly this Colony with some assistance from our kind Neighbours of *Plimouth*; fitted an Army of near *five and twenty hundred men*, and a Navy of two and thirty Sail; which went from hence the beginning of the last *August*, under the Command of ~~the~~ Honourable Sir *William Phips*.

~~In~~ the mean time ~~the~~ English Colonies & Provinces in the West raised Forces, the Numbers whereof have been reported five or six hundred. The Honourable General *Winthrop* was in the Head of these, and advanced within a few miles of the *Lake*; He there had some good number of *Maqua's* to joyn his Forces, but contrary to his Expectation, it was found that the *Canoo's* to have been ready for the Transportation of the Army over the *Lake*, were not prepared, and the other Nations of Indians, that should have come to this *Campaign*, sent their Excuses, pretending that the *Small-pox* was among them.

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and some other Trifles. The General Meeting with such vexing disappointments, called a Council of War, wherein 'twas agreed, That it was impossible for them to Prosecute their Intended Expedition. However he dispatched away the *Maqua's* to the *French Territories*, who returned with some Success, having slain several of the *French*, and brought home several Prisoners, whom they used in a manner too barbarous for any *English* to approve. The General coming back to *Albany*, there happened a misunderstanding, between him and the Lieutenant Governor of *New-york* which occasioned much discourse, but produced not those effects which were feared of it. Where lay the bottom of these miscarriages is variously conjectured, if any people further West than *Albany*, have been Tampering with the Indians, to desert the business of *Canada*, we hope time will discover it. And if Almighty God will have *Canada* to be subdu'd without the assistance of those miserable Salvages, in whom we have too much confided, we shall be glad, that there will be no Sacrifice offered up to the Devil, upon this occasion; God alone will have all the Glory.

'Tis possible, we have not so exactly related the Circumstances of this business, but this Account, is as near exactness, as any that could be had, in' the midst of many various reports about it.

Another late matter of discourse, has been an unaccountable destruction befalling a body of *Indians*, that were our Enemies. This body of *French Indians* had a Fort somewhere far up the River, and a party of *Maqua's* returning from the *East Country*, where they have at a great rate pursued and terrified those *Indians* which have been invading of our *North-East Plantations*, and Killed their General *Hope Hood* among the rest; resolved to visit this Fort; but they found the Fort ruined, the Canoo's cut to pieces, and the people all either Butchered or Captived. This gave them no little surprise, and they gave the *English* this account of it. That a body of *Maqua's* lately returning from the Spoil of *Canada* brought several *French Prisoners* with them; That calling at this Fort in their way, the *Indians* there seeing themselves unable to resist them did pass divers Complements with them and partake of their Booties, That a *French* Captive after this, escaping from the *Maqua's* informed the *French* that these *Indians* had revolted unto the *Maqua's*, and hereupon the *French* or their *Indians* made a sudden Sally forth upon them, and utterly destroyed them, tho' they were in reality of their own party still.

Two *English Captives* escaped from the hands of *Indians* and *French* at *Pascadamoquady*, came into *Portsmouth* on the sixteenth Instant & say, That when Capt. *Mason* was at *Fort Real*, he cut the faces, and ript the bellies of two *Indians*, and threw a third Over board in the sight of the *French*, who informing the other *Indians* of

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it, they have in revenge barbarously Butcher'd forty Captives of our that were in their hands.

These two Captives escaped in a Shallop, which our Enemies intended to have set out with all the Circumstances of a Fishing Shallop but to have indeed fill'd it with *Indians* that should have Clap'd on board any *English* Vessel that came in their way; They say that about three or four weeks ago, some *Indians* were coming this way to War, but crossing a path which they supposed to be of the *Maqua's*, they followed it until they discovered a place where some Canoo's were making, whereupon twenty *Kennebeck Indian*-Warriors went to look further after the business, who never yet returned. Which gives hope that they may come short home, but upon this the *Squaws* are sent to *Penobscot*, and the men stand on their Defence.

*Portsmouth Sept. 20th.* Two days since arrived here a small Vessel from *Barbaboes*, in which is a Letter to Captain *H. K.* of 19th *August* that speaks thus,

*Christophers* is wholly taken from the *French* as also a small Island called *Stacia*; we are very strong in Shipping, and our Ships of War are now gone for *Tobago*, a very good place to shelter from any Storms, after the suspicious months are over, they will Attack the rest of the *French* places. We have News here that *K. William* is safe arrived in *Ireland*, and is marched with *one hundred and forty thousand Foot and Horse*. *Himself leads the Body*, Duke *Scomburgh* the right Wing, and the Earl of *Oxford* the left Wing, Duke *Hamilton of Scotland* leads the forlorn Hope with *ten thousand men* under him. Great victory they dayly have, and much people dayly come in to him, with submission: He has 200 Shipping with him of one sort or other, above one hundred Sail dayly run between *Ireland* and *England*, with meat for Man and Beast; His Majesty being unwilling to trust false *Ireland* for it. *France* is in much trouble (and fear) not only with us but also with his Son, who has revolted against him lately, and has great reason if reports be true, that the *Father used to lie with the Sons Wife*. He has got all the *Hugonots*, and all the dissatisfied Papists, with the great force of the *D. of Lorrain*, and are now against him, resolving to to depose him of his life and Kingdom.

It's Reported the City of *Cork* in *Ireland*, has proclaimed *K. William*, and turned their *French* Landlords out of Doors; of this there wants further confirmation.

From *Plimouth Sept. 22.* We have an Account that on *Friday* the 12th Instant, in the night, our Forces Landing privately, forthwith surrounded *Pegypscot* Fort; but finding no Indians there, they March'd to *Amonoscoggin*. There on the Lords-day, they kill'd and took 15 or 16 of the Enemy, and recovered five *English* Captives,



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# PUBLIC OCCURRENCES

Both FOREIGN and DOMESTICK,

Boston, Thursday Sept. 25th, 1690.

**I**t is designed, that the Country shall be informed with as much (or if any) of Occurrences, happen, offender, with an Account of such considerable things as have attended unto our Notice.

In order hereunto, the Publisher will take what pains he can to obtain a Faithful Relation of all such things, and will particularly make himself obligate to such Person in Boston whom he knows to have been for their own sake the diligent Observers of such matters.

That which is herein proposed, is, First, That Memorable Occurrences of Divine Providence may not be neglected or forgotten, as they too often are. Secondly, That people every where may have

from them, as what is in the Forces lately gone for Canada; made them think it impossible for them to get well through the Affairs of their Husbandry at this time of the year; yet the Season has been so unusually favourable that they scarce find any want of the many hundreds of hands, that are gone from them; which is looked upon as a merciful Providence.

While the barbarous Indians were looking about Chelmsford, there were missing about the beginning of this month a couple of Children belonging to a man of that Town, one of them aged about eleven, the other aged about three years, each of them





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Year for our Information. And when there is  
any material mistake in any thing that is  
published, it shall be corrected in the next.

Moreover, the Publisher of this Occurrences  
is willing to say again that we trust there are many  
False Reports, maliciously made, and spread  
among us, if any well minded person will be at the  
Pains to track any such false Report, so far as to  
bed out and Care for the Field Railler of its, he will in his Paper (unless just Advice be given to  
the contrary) expose the Name of such persons  
as A malicious Railler of a false Report.

In  
Report that never will suffice the Propos'd  
but I wish to be guilty of so villainous a  
Crime.

gretion and industry had long been the sole  
part of his family, and he seemed hurried  
with an impudent fear that he should now  
come to want before he dyed, though he had  
very dear friends to look after him who  
kept a strict eye upon him, least he should do  
himself any harm. But one evening escaping  
from them into the Cow-House, they there  
quickly followed him, found him ~~longing~~ by  
a Rope which they had used to tie their Cattle  
withal, he was dead with his feet near touch-

ing the Ground.

Epidemic Fever did however prove very  
common, in some parts of the Country  
whereof, tho' many dye, yet they are  
forely unfitted for their imployments; but  
in some parts a more malignant Fever seems

to prevail in such sort that it usually kills  
tho' a Family where it comes, and proves  
Mortal unto many.

The Small-pox which has been ravaging in

Days, after a manner very Extraordinary is

now very much abated.

It is thought that

far more have been sick of it then were val-

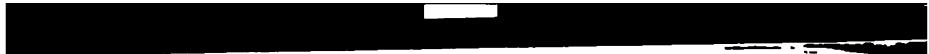
ed with it, when it raged so much twelve

years ago, nevertheless it has not been so

Mortal. The number of them that have

THE Christian Indians in some  
parts of Pineland, have newly ap-  
pointed a day of Thanksgiving to  
God for his Mercy in supplying their want  
and pinching Necessities under their late want  
of Corn, & for His giving them now a prof-  
use of a very Comfortable Harvest. Their  
example may be worth Mentioning.

The observed by the Husbandmen, that  
in the Witch-draw of so great a Strength



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mostly belonging to *Oyster-River*; who advised, that the men had been gone about ten days down to a River, to meet with the *French*, and the *French Indians*; where they expected to make up a Body of 300 men, and design first against *Wells* or *Piscataqua*.

On *Tuesday*, the Army came to our Vessels at *Macquoit*, but one of the Vessels touching a Ground stopt a Tide; by which means, young *Bracket*, who was a considerable distance up the River, above *Amonos-coggins* Fort, being advised by an Indian that ran away from *Amonos-coggins*, that an *English* Army was there attempted his Escape, and came down to the Sloop, just as they came on their Sail.

On *Thursday*, they landed at *Saco*; a Scout of 60 men of ours discover a party of the Enemy, and had the Advantage of killing three of them, and of taking *nine Canoos*, and an *English* captive named, *Thomas Baker*, who informed, that the Enemy had left a considerable Plunder at *Pegypscut-Plains*, which he supposed the *Enemy* was gone to secure. Whereupon the Army immediately embark'd, and arriving there that night, the next morning found the *Bever-Plunder* accordingly.

While our Vessels where at Anchor in *Cascoe-Bay*, our Auxiliary Indians lodging on shore, and being too careless in their Watch, the Enemy made an Attaque upon them. The *English* forth with repair'd to their Relief; but were sorely galled, by an Embuscado of Indians, The Enemy soon quitted the Field, escaping with their *Canoo's*, whereof ours took several. In the Surprise, we lost 9 men, and had about 20 wounded; the blow chiefly fell on our dear *Friends*, the *Plimouth Forces*, 15 being kill'd and wounded of Captain *Southworth's* Company.

## The Campbell News Letters

DURING the year of 1703 John Campbell, who was then postmaster of Boston and subsequently established The Boston News-Letter, sent to the governors of the several New England colonies manuscript letters in which he gave the latest news received by him from abroad, local items of Boston, and reports received from other American colonies. Twelve of these letters are now preserved in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Nine were printed in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in March 1867, volume 9, pages 485-501. Nine other manuscript news-letters of this period, and of earlier dates, were printed in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society for February 1873, volume 12, pages 419-427. The earliest of these is "An Extract of a Letter: from Cambridge, Dat: Ap<sup>il</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 66." And to this is added, "An other Extract of a Letter Ap<sup>il</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 66 from Boston." Others bear dates as follows: Philadelphia, June 5, 1699; Boston June 19, 1699; New York, April 29, 1700; Boston, May 6, 1700; Boston, May 28, 1700; Boston, June 14, 1703, and Boston, October 4, 1703. Most of these are addressed to Governor John Winthrop of Connecticut. That dated Boston, May 28, 1700 is signed by Duncan Campbell, and that of October 4, 1703 is endorsed as "Mr. John Campbells Newes." The writers of others of these letters are not now known.

John Campbell was of Scotch ancestry. He was in Boston in 1695 and died March 4, 1728. He was president of the Scots Charitable Society, 1727-28. In The Boston News-Letter of March 7, 1728, was this paragraph: "On Monday evening last, the 4th Currant, about 8 a Clock died here John Campbell, Esq., Aged 75 years, formerly Post Master in this Place, Publisher of the Boston News-Letters for many years, and One of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for the Country of Suffolk."

Duncan Campbell was John Campbell's brother, and a bookseller. Of him John Dunton writes:

"I rambled to the Scotch Bookseller, one Campbell: He is a brisk young Fellow, that dresses All-a-mode, and sets himself off to the best Advantage; and yet thrives apace. I am told (and for his sake I wish it may be true) that a Young Lady of Great Fortune has married him. He's an Industrious Man and saw me often."<sup>1</sup>

He married Susanna Porter, daughter of William and Grace (Pitts) Porter. In his later years he gave up bookselling and became a merchant. When he died in 1703 he left an estate of about £900. He was one of the earliest postmasters of Boston and seems to have

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1 Letters from New England. By John Dunton; p. 80.

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held that office in 1693, for in that year he petitioned the General Court for a salary. His brother, John Campbell, succeeded him. Interesting reference to him is in Goodell's Notes to the Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, volume 7, pages 429, 434 and 500.

Our reprint of these letters is of the American items, or those bearing upon American, or Colonial affairs.

Philadelphia, June y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1699

About y<sup>e</sup> Middle of Last Week a Sloop belonging to this place arrived from Carrolina brought in w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> two Privateers that Came Last from Madagascar, One of w<sup>ch</sup> went out Cap<sup>t</sup>: Kidds Doctor from New york, but Left Kidds Vessel many months since at Madagascar, They were both Taken and sent to prison y<sup>e</sup> Same night they Came vp and their mony Secur'd two more were Taken at New Castle who had Taken passage on board Cap<sup>t</sup>: Codman for New England and their mony Seized The Sloop that brought y<sup>m</sup>: is also Seiz'd— They w<sup>th</sup>: a great many more Came passengers from Madagascar w<sup>th</sup>: one Cap<sup>t</sup>: Shelly belonging to N: york Severall of y<sup>m</sup> are despers'd about our Bay, especially about Cape May, Govern<sup>r</sup>: Bass, & Cap<sup>t</sup>: Smead who is Deputy Judge of y<sup>e</sup> Court of Admiralty are gone Down in a Sloop w<sup>th</sup>: Expectation of taking them—the Privateers have made great shares of mony Cap<sup>t</sup>: Shelly plys of and on expecting Vessells from New york, A Messeng<sup>r</sup>: sent from Cape May for N: york w<sup>th</sup>: Lett<sup>r</sup>s: to Shellys owners (as is said) vpon advice was per-sued & Taken and his Lett<sup>r</sup>s: Taken and open'd and he Secured at Burlington, the Lett<sup>r</sup>s: forwarded by an Express to Gov<sup>r</sup> Bass. Tis said Mr<sup>r</sup>: Graverodd has Severall on board his Sloop for Virginie. Last night we have Advice of a Pink Arrived at New Castle from Barbad<sup>s</sup>: 4 weeks passage I have not the Letters from her yett I send for y<sup>m</sup>: to day Shee is to Tarry some days at New Castle As they Came w<sup>th</sup>: in our Capes a Sloop Came vp w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>m</sup> Sayld Round y<sup>m</sup> ask y<sup>m</sup> Some Questions y<sup>n</sup> went off and Came to Anchor at the Horchills they had about 50 Men on board, They are some have made a Voyage and wants to Come in, there Cap<sup>t</sup>: name is Davis Some one Board the Pink kneu him—

[Written on the margin of this letter:]

tis Governour Bass Jntercepted the letter to Shelleys Owner & broke itt Open as itt is said in New Yorke.

[On the back:] Boston June y<sup>e</sup> 19. 1699  
Last thursday Cap<sup>t</sup> Kid came in to Road Island harber ye Governour sent y<sup>e</sup> Collector in a boat w<sup>th</sup> about 30. men well armed in order to goe on board but Kid shot 2 great Guns w<sup>ch</sup> caused y<sup>e</sup> Col-

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lector to retreat. Kids Sloope has 10. Gun's 8. Patteraroes I shall be able to give a further acco<sup>t</sup> by y<sup>e</sup> next.

New Yorke April 29<sup>th</sup> 1700

I am thankfull for yours of the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant, and what News is here, is Contained in the following acc<sup>ott</sup>

From Philadelf. we have advice, that 2 Ships From London and one From Bristoll, are arrived there but bring no News.

on Sattarday Last the Newport from Sandyhooke A crusing & Cap<sup>t</sup> Simmons for London; Cap<sup>t</sup> Gill will sail for London tomorrow or next day & Cap<sup>t</sup> Bond in 10 or 12 Days Cap<sup>t</sup> Keeler has Bills for London

on Satterday arived Phillidelpia Post w<sup>t</sup> whom Came Coll Quarry & The Deputy Shereffe who brought w<sup>t</sup> him one Brown Co<sup>ll</sup> Markham Son-in-Law, he was one of Emrys men as itt was Said and goes home w<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Rest

Yesterday Arrived A Barguentine from y<sup>e</sup> Bay of Compechy John Trimingham master 30 Days passage he informs y<sup>t</sup> Bermudos Sloops were taken by A pyrate Comming out of y<sup>e</sup> Bay in Sight of him, y<sup>t</sup> Last week about thirty Leagus off y<sup>e</sup> Capes of Virginia he saw a Ship att Sea Desabled and Comming up w<sup>t</sup> her found She was A Ship of about 150 tuns bound from Leverpoole to Virginia who had been taken by A Pyrate on Sunday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Instant, y<sup>e</sup> master of y<sup>e</sup> Ship Informed Trimingham y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> pyrate is A Ship of 24 Gunns & 150 men y<sup>t</sup> 3 days befor he was taken A pinke bound from london to Virginia which pinke they maned w<sup>t</sup> fifty men and take this Liverpool Ship and after they had plundered of what they Pleased they Cutt down all his masts & bolt Split and So Left him when Trimingham mett him they had made mastes of ther yards and top masts & now standing in for Virginia y<sup>e</sup> Pyrate Carryd away y<sup>e</sup> Carpenter and one man more but who Commands this pyrat they Cannot Lern, ye Saim pyrat has likwise taken A New England Sloop of six Guns.

Boston may y<sup>e</sup> 6 1700

The Above is A Copy of A News Letter I had by y<sup>e</sup> Last post No News offers hear, Cap<sup>t</sup> Rugells from Meves arived hear yesterday

Boston May y<sup>e</sup> 28. 1700

Hon<sup>ble</sup> S:

The Last Thursday Cap<sup>t</sup> Green arrived here 8. weeks passa<sup>ge</sup> from London & 6 weeks from Cows. Y<sup>e</sup> same day arrived a Ship 5 weeks passage from Plimoth Cap<sup>t</sup> [blank] Commander, brings news y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> advice man of war was arrived in 3 weeks at Bristol w<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Kidd & all y<sup>e</sup> Prisoners y<sup>t</sup> went home w<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Wine it

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is reported y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Parliament has petitioned y<sup>e</sup> King to putt of Cap<sup>t</sup> Kids Triall till y<sup>e</sup> next Sessions of Parliam<sup>t</sup>  
[Foreign news items follow.]

Last Saturday arrived here Cap<sup>t</sup> Morris in y<sup>e</sup> Unquort w<sup>th</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> Prisnors from New-York.

Admirall Benbo intends to Saile for London this week.  
There is Severall vessels arrived from Madera ffiall & y<sup>e</sup> west Indies. Cap<sup>t</sup> Robison Came out of London w<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Green & is dayly expected here Cap<sup>t</sup> Jeffery was bound for New York about y<sup>e</sup> Same time

Advice from New-York y<sup>e</sup> Last post of y<sup>e</sup> misfortune at Callidonia Viz. Cap<sup>t</sup> Campbel one of y<sup>e</sup> Council who, arived Last thursday, Saith y<sup>t</sup> he arived 8 dayes before y<sup>e</sup> Spanish blocked up y<sup>e</sup> port at Callidonia. 3 days after his arival he Comanded a partie of 170. w<sup>th</sup> some few gentlemen voluntiers (who were all y<sup>e</sup> men in y<sup>e</sup> Collony y<sup>t</sup> were fitt for service) to march to Arctaba where they und<sup>r</sup>stood 900. Spanyards South Sea men were come to fall upon them by Land, after 2 daies march he came up w<sup>th</sup> with them who Lay in a palisad fortification, whom he atack<sup>d</sup> kild about a 100 of them took their Camp & gave them a total rout The Governour of St Maries an old Spanish Soldier Lay in great fear Leaving only eight men w<sup>th</sup> him, y<sup>e</sup> gentlemen Voluntiers pursued y<sup>e</sup> Spanyards till night gave no quarter. 9 of y<sup>e</sup> Scots w<sup>t</sup> kild most of them gentlemen y<sup>e</sup> Sanyards had laid at their Approach two Ambuscadoes who took all their bagg & baggage y<sup>e</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup>s plate & six pound of Gold dust At theire return back to y<sup>e</sup> fortification they found 3000. Spanish Souldiers Landed w<sup>th</sup> 15 Saile of Ships of war who lay two moneths of y<sup>e</sup> harbers mouth to prevent provitions Coming to their relief. There people being most of them Sick & their want of provisions fourced them to Surrender on Articles Viz: That they Should depart w<sup>th</sup> all they had & if any of their Ships Should com w<sup>th</sup>in 6 moneth they Should have wood & water & depart in peace.

One Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho. Droumand one of y<sup>e</sup> former Council in a Small Ship of 6 guns & 13 men met w<sup>th</sup> a Spanish man of war of 20. guns ingaiged for four howers & fought his way thro y<sup>e</sup> fleet & got in to Callidonia being Laden w<sup>th</sup> provissions but y<sup>e</sup> fourt was Surrendred before he Came This is y<sup>e</sup> Substance of w<sup>t</sup> offers from

Your honours

After p<sup>r</sup>usual I beg most humble  
Yo<sup>r</sup> hon<sup>r</sup> favour to Send Servant  
it to y<sup>e</sup> postmaster m<sup>r</sup> Chandler Duncan Campbell

[Superscribed] To The Honourable Coll. Winthrop  
free Governor of Conneticut at New-London

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Boston, April 12<sup>th</sup> 1703

Last Week arrived A Vessel from ffyall and tells that about nine Week's from this time Two Vessells arrived from Scotland and one from Corke in Ireland, that gave an Acco<sup>t</sup>. that the union between England and Scotland was concluded upon and said master from ffyall sayes he see it in publick prints

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Smith In the Gospert ffrigett from Jamacia Arrived here also Last Week, and by him are Informed of the union being Concluded upon, he came from Jamaica about midle or tenth of March

Wee do apprehend that the union is only agreed upon by the Commissioners which if true will be a great Step, Towards both parliam<sup>ts</sup>. Concluding it, being the Commissioners are Some of the greatest men of both nations.

They Talk from Jamaica, of the Spainards Sueing for a peace, That about 20 Grandees were come to Portugale, to get the King of Portugale to Interceed with her Maj<sup>e</sup>. of England to appoint Plenipotentiary to mediat. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Lawrence is arrived at Rhoad Island & a Bermudus Sloop, both Privateers, who In Comp<sup>a</sup> with Cap<sup>t</sup>. Blue an other privateer took a Spanish Ship of 8 guns, Loaden with Canary and Brandy, and other goods, bound for the Havanna, who had on board 12 families consisting of above 130 Soules, The Prisoners they put on Shoare in N. Spain, all to about 7. The Three Consorts put 17 men an a Quarter master on board, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Blue Attended her with his Sloop or vessel, The Prize is not yet arrived—The Prize Said to Come from Spain, and touched at the Canary's.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Southack with our Westarn fleet, arrived Yesterday.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Delbridge will Sayle for London In 20 days Ten guns; & Cap<sup>t</sup>. Dows lyke guns In a moneth.

[Written on the third page of this letter sheet.]

Hono<sup>ble</sup> Sir

Boston, April 12<sup>th</sup> 1703

I'm favoured with yo<sup>r</sup> ho<sup>rs</sup> of the 9 Instant.—Came in too day about ii a'clocke & do dispatch him again at ffive because should have no excuse to hinder his Coming In on Satturday so have no tyme, either for selfe or man to go to Mad<sup>m</sup> Richards but the Letter I sent thaire Two days after its receipt.

on other Syde is what occurred, with the Inclosed print, and with humble service am

S<sup>r</sup> Yo<sup>r</sup> ho<sup>rs</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Jn<sup>o</sup> Campbell.

Go<sup>r</sup> Winthrop [New London, Connecticut]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Indorsed by Governor Winthrop: "Publick occurrences & the adres to her Maj. April 12<sup>th</sup> 1703."

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Boston April 27<sup>th</sup> 1703.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> Instant Arrived a sloop from Antegua in 25 Dayes one Loyd M<sup>r</sup> brings an acco<sup>t</sup> that Coll<sup>r</sup> Coddington with 3000 Islanders and about 2000 English souldiers Landed in Guardelupia had Taken the Island all but the fort having Lost about 200 men by an Ambusscado of Negros when this Sloop came away the Bloody flagg was hung up, and our men had gott 5 p<sup>t</sup> of Ordinance playing upon it and Every shott did Execution and they were a going to have 15 p<sup>t</sup> more to bear upon it, and the fourt could bear but 5 upon us, and was thought wee should Carry it in aday or Two at farthest The Earle of Peterborough was daylie Exspected with a Squadron of men of warr and Land forces in order to joyne the Island<sup>r</sup> to attaque Martinico.

ffrom King Saile Janry 22<sup>d</sup> a Passenger went hence in the Orsell frigett a merch<sup>t</sup> man one Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Command<sup>r</sup> writts that on the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant 10 Leagues from Silley after a Whole Dayes Chase the Count Tholons of S<sup>t</sup> Maloes 36 guns 300 men came up w<sup>th</sup> us to whom wee were forced to Strike having one man kill'd and an other wounded, and the Ship much Damaged. Her Majes Ship the Dover and Munck hearing the Guns and Seeing the Smoak made After it and about 11 at Night recovered the Orsell frigett, and Next morning the Monk got up w<sup>th</sup> the Privateer and gave him Two broad Sydes but Loosing his main top Gallant mast and fore top mast it caused Monsr to Sing Te Deum or the Song of Victory, but the successful Dover manadged her self better, and about Two a Clocke in the After noon getts up with the Privateer and After 3 hours Obstinate fighting and the Death of 40 men and 30 odd wounded (most of which ar since Dead) took her in whom wee were Prisoners. The Privateer was Brought in here this Night though never a mast standing and 20 of the best of her guns being thrown over board by Badd Weather the very night she was Taken—The Dover Lost not one Drop of blood by him Except one man that accidentally fell over board, she came out of S<sup>t</sup> Maloes but 6 Dayes before she took us, her burthen is between 400 & 500 Tuns & Reckoned the best man'd Privateer In France. She came out in Comp<sup>a</sup> w<sup>th</sup> an other of 40 guns, to whom god send the same success too. The Dover had but 183 men, hardly so bigg as y<sup>e</sup> Mons<sup>r</sup>, only had 50 guns though could use but 25 of y<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> wind blowing fresh. Ther was found on board The Privateer the journall of T S. of Boston with severell Letters for M<sup>r</sup> Lillie from the Bay.

The Packett boat from Lisbone Came in here brings news that a Dutch man of warr hath Taken a french man of warr of 50 guns.

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The Lark Guiney man from Bbados In her Passage home meett 3 french Barkies, the Biggest about 3 or 400 Tun—A New Hagg boat with 16 french on board The Lark had but 16 guns and 17 men and with the help of y<sup>e</sup> french men brought her saif to Galloway.

fryday the 23<sup>d</sup> Instant, being tthe Queen's Coronation Day, His Exc<sup>y</sup> Col<sup>o</sup>. Dudley being attended by the Troop of Gaurds, came from Roxbury between 12 & one a Clocke, when all y<sup>e</sup> guns were Discharged from the Castle Battery's the man of warr, Gally, and ship in the Road, and After having Dined with the honoble Coll<sup>o</sup>. Povey our Liv<sup>t</sup> Governour with Several Gentlemen came to the Town house and Drunck her Maje<sup>s</sup> healths, &c.

On Satturday the 24<sup>th</sup> Arrived one Kimball ffrom ffyall tells us still of y<sup>e</sup> union being Concluded between England and Scotland and that the Portuguese have declaired warr against france and Spain.

The Prize at Rhoad Island is Said to have on board 100 Pipes of Canary, 50 Pipes of Malmsy 30 Caske of Brandy, Some Almonds and Razons, what money Plate or Silks they had was shared before any Condemnation.

Philadelphia Aprill 13<sup>th</sup> they writt that on Satturday Last Arrived a Gentleman from Maryland brings the following news, That 40 Sayle of West Countrey men were arrived in Maryland and Virginia about 7 Weeks Passage—two men of warr Conveyed them from Corke in Ireland—[Foreign news items follow.]

That the London fleett for Virginia is not to Sail till Latter end of June under Convey of 4 men of warr, and a fire Ship

The Galloon proved not so Rich in plate as was Exspected, but very Rich in other valuable goods as cocheneal &c. one was not brock up Supposed to be very rich.

N yorke 19<sup>th</sup> Instant Arrived a Sloop in 12 Dayes from Burmudus, that Go<sup>r</sup> writts My Lord Cornbury, that the Earle of Petterborough was Arrived at Antegua.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Simmons will Sail in 10 or 12 Dayes for London—that they have news of y<sup>e</sup> union between the Two Kingdomes from Philadelphia, by vessels to Maryland.

Boston—Cap<sup>t</sup> Delbrige will Sail within 3 weeks for London Cap<sup>t</sup> Dowse in about a month Cap<sup>t</sup>s Gillam, Coram & Robertson about 2 months.

Boston May the 3<sup>d</sup> 1703

By a Vessel from ffyall An Edinburgh Gazet of Decem<sup>r</sup> 7: acquaints us, [details of the negotiations for the union between the two kingdoms].

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Cap<sup>t</sup> Alden from Lisbone in 33 dayes Arrived the 28. brings the following news in Gazet<sup>s</sup> votes of Parliam<sup>t</sup> the Postman and News Letters viz: [A considerable batch of foreign items follows of dates, Octo<sup>r</sup> 10—Novem<sup>r</sup> 23. Under the last date is this item of domestic import: Letters from S<sup>t</sup> Maloes Rochell and other places concerned in ye West Indies and Newfoundland ffishery say that the Cheif traders are Intirely ruined and forced to Abscond by reason their ships so Taken hardly one of 30 Escap'd.]

LOND<sup>o</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 26: Letters from Holland Say that 3 Regiments were ready to Embarke for the West Jndies on board 12 men of war—

[Additional foreign news is given under this, and later dates—between Dec<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> and Jan<sup>r</sup> 12.]

LOND<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 14 The E of Petterborough will sail for Jamaica In a few Dayes

[Another considerable batch of foreign matter follows under dates Jan<sup>r</sup> 16—Feb<sup>r</sup> 11.]

LOND<sup>o</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 16. Admir<sup>ll</sup> Graydon is Appointed to Succeid Admir<sup>ll</sup> Benbow for the West Jndies with all Speed

S<sup>r</sup> Stafford fairborne is for ever made incapable of any Sea Command for Declining to goe to the West Jndies—[Other foreign items.]

LOND<sup>o</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 18: The Brazill fleett to Portugale is Said to be Worth 2 Millions

Dampier w<sup>th</sup> 2 Ships of 26 guns is Sailed for the South Seas w<sup>th</sup> the Queen's Commission [Other foreign items.]

Boston Cap<sup>t</sup> Delbridge Will Sail for Lond<sup>o</sup> within a fourthnight and Cap<sup>t</sup> Dowse with in a Month, Cap<sup>ts</sup> Gillam, Coram and Robertson Jn 2 months.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Bennett in a Ship 100 Tuns 4 guns men Answerable Sails for Barbados in 6 Weeks.

The Prize Ship of 150 Tuns w<sup>th</sup> her Loading at Rhoad Jsland will be Exposed to Sail on Thursday the ii Jnstant—

[Addressed]

To The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

John Winthrop Esq<sup>r</sup>

Gouvernor of Conecticut

N London

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Boston, May 17<sup>th</sup> 1703.

Last week arrived here a sloop from Jamaica whereby are Informed, Admirall Whetston with his Squadron are bound hither, ffor some action again our Adversarys, to the Northward of us.

Last week also arrived Capt Ransfoord from Barbados, and by Letters of the 13<sup>th</sup> April Said, Wee have taken Guardelup all but a fort, w<sup>ch</sup> wee Intend to Scale in a few days, Wee have Lost by report above 500 men already:—others Letters Say They daylie expect a Squadron of men of warr with 8000 men to Assist Generall Coddingtoun

Last week also arrived here Capt Jarvies ffrom Nevis, about 20 days passage, Says wee have Lost at Guardelup neir 700 men Wee have taken all both fort and Castle, excepting one ffort In the Top of a mountain, that there is no passage to it but over a bridge, and that there is no way to conquer the enemy, but by Starving them It's said the Generall has gone to Bbados for more men, and If do not send'm will Dissert the place, others Say he is resolved to conquer them, err Leauie it. No Quarter is given on either Syde, The ffrench first begun it, ffor one of our men was found mangl'd with this Jnscription upon his breast, No Quarter for a Criolian—Some say our men of warr, were of kin to Admirall Benbow's Capt<sup>s</sup>.. were afraid, If they shot at the fforts, the fforts would Shoott at them again & Spoyle their masts, and saying one of their masts was worth the whole Island, and Said seuerall recruits, were brought the Adversary, from Martinico, by the negligence of the Commdador.

They say That Generall Coddingtoun is to be Generallissimo of all her Majes fforces in the West Indies.

ffrom Philadel: by a Letter from Antegua of April. 9<sup>th</sup> They writ Generall Coddingtoun with about 3500 men Landed on Guardilup about a month past & fforced the ffrench out of their Trenches, s<sup>d</sup> to be much stronger than any In fflanders, batter'd their fforts & castle down, upon w<sup>ch</sup> they sprung mines, thinking our army would storme (and so blew them up) but was prevented by a disserter

They have had latlie a supply of 600 men from Martinico, 500 of w<sup>ch</sup> were planters fforcd off, who decline fighting for that reason.

The fforces so long expected under the Command of the E of Peterborough w<sup>ch</sup> consists of 7000 men, were left to the Eastwards of Madera's are to be commanded by our Generall, who is Capt Grall of all her majes fforces In America.

Nyorke, may 10<sup>th</sup> on the 5<sup>th</sup> arrived here Capt Blackston ffrom Plimouth the 12 march, in Comp<sup>a</sup> with the west India ffleett, consisting of about 30 Sayle, under convoy of the Blackwall and Monta-

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gue commanded by Vice Admirall Graydon, in Comp<sup>a</sup>. whereof S<sup>r</sup> Beuill Greenvil, Gor<sup>r</sup> of Barbados, and 3000 Land fforces, under Command of Brigadeer.

Generall Coddington made G<sup>r</sup> of Jamaica, Colo W<sup>m</sup> Seymour Go<sup>r</sup> of Marryland.

Capt Blackston paerted with them 1<sup>st</sup>. April by whom wee have advice of an Embargo Jn Engld, And great preparations were making for a vigorous prosecution of the warr by sea and land. [Other foreign items.]

The proceedings of The L<sup>d</sup> Cornburry here, are well approved by her Maje & Council & the L<sup>ds</sup> of Trade and all Acts of Assembly made here Dureing the Last administration annull'd and declared void.

My L<sup>d</sup> Cornburry Expects a man of warr daylie with his Commissions.

The Council of Nova Cesarea or New Jearsy are

Edward Himlock	Samuell Leonard	George Deacon
Lewis Morris	Andrew Bowne	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Walker
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Jennings	Tho <sup>r</sup> Reuell	Dan Leeds
Francis Davenport	W <sup>m</sup> . Pinhorne	W <sup>m</sup> . Sandford
Robert Quarry.		

Capt Carter In a brig<sup>a</sup> & Capt Leventhorp In a ship both went hence Last ffall for London cast away neir Lands end, the men Saved, most of the goods Lost.

The Virg<sup>a</sup> ffelett was to Sayle in April

[Foreign items follow.]

The E. of Peterborough goes not for the West Indies.

A sloop from Antegua arrived here the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant brings the same Acco<sup>t</sup> as is from Philad.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Delbridge sails for London this Week & Cap<sup>t</sup> Travise in the Ship Lyon that Cap<sup>t</sup> Dowse was to Goe in Sails in a fournight at farthest.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Robertson and Coram about 6 Weeks and Cap<sup>t</sup> Everton in about 2 month's. The french and some Indies took 2 men of ours Prisoners, In Sacho River and Kill'd one man, were Affraid it may occasion a Ruptur, between us and the Indians.

Boston June 1<sup>st</sup> 1703

On the 25<sup>th</sup>. of Last month Dyed M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Shrimpton and was Burried the 28

The 26<sup>th</sup> was our annuall Election Day of her Majes Council for this Colony, whereon sever<sup>ll</sup> members of Council in coaches and

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sever<sup>ll</sup> Gentlemen on horse Back, w<sup>th</sup> the Troop of Gaurds went, about Eight a Clocke in the morning to Roxbury to attend his Excell<sup>y</sup> to towne who had a splendid Entertainment for them—Roxbury Troop before his Excell<sup>y</sup>, the members of Council and other Gentlemen and the Troop of Guards following and in the Towne as is usuall, Two foott Comp<sup>ns</sup> Guarded them to the town house about Eleven a Clocke, where they staid a short space and were Conducted to the Meetting house and heard a Sermon preached by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr<sup>r</sup> Solomon Stoddard, on these Words Honour thy father and mother &c. After Sermon his Excell<sup>y</sup> & Council, Magistrates & Mini<sup>rs</sup> and field Officers had a splendid Dinner and about four a Clocke went to the Town house, in ord<sup>r</sup> to Choose the Ensuing years Council, who are

Coll <sup>o</sup> Elisha Hutchinson.....	90	Esq <sup>r</sup>
Cap <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> Sewall.....	89	
Coll <sup>o</sup> Jn <sup>o</sup> Phillips.....	87	
Cap <sup>t</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> Corwin .....	87	
Coll <sup>o</sup> Jn <sup>o</sup> Foster.....	87	
Maj <sup>r</sup> Generall Winthrope.....	85	
Coll <sup>o</sup> Pen Townsend.....	85	
Cap <sup>t</sup> Andrew Belcher.....	85	
James Russell.....	84	
Coll <sup>o</sup> Jn <sup>o</sup> Higginson.....	83	
Isaac Addington Secr:.....	82	Esq <sup>r</sup>
Maj <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Browne .....	82	
Joseph Hammond.....	72	
Maj <sup>r</sup> John Wally.....	69	
Coll <sup>o</sup> Jn <sup>o</sup> Thatcher.....	64	
Joseph Lynde.....	64	
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Partridge.....	57	
Eliakim Hutchinson .....	57	
Coll <sup>o</sup> Jn <sup>o</sup> Hathorne.....	49	
Coll <sup>o</sup> Daniel Pearce.....	49	
Benj <sup>a</sup> Browne.....	41	Esq <sup>r</sup>
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Hayman.....	37	
Edward Bromfield.....	34	
Cap <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> Legg.....		
Samuell Appleton.....		Esq <sup>r</sup>
Nath <sup>ll</sup> Paine.....		
Josiah Winslow.....		Esq <sup>r</sup>
Maj <sup>r</sup> Hunt .....		

Maj<sup>r</sup> Converse is Chosen Speaker of the house of Representatives.

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Our Eastern Indians came into our Garrisons and acquitted themselves from killing the English man wrote you of before, & Sayes it was done by Some french and ffranch Indians that Came from Canada and Wishes they had mett them would have Seized them.

Wee ar Informed Severall wayes of a Descent the french and Canada Indians Intends to make upon some of ours or the Neighbouring Colony frontiers upon w<sup>ch</sup> orders are taken to Watch our ffrontier Townes again any Assault.

Boston June 7<sup>th</sup> 1703

On the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant arrived here Cap<sup>t</sup> Breed from Antegua about four Weeks passage & acquaints us that Gener<sup>ll</sup> Coddington had Left Guardeloope and gone to Nevis by reason of a Disstemer that had Seized upon him which had almost made him blind, He left the Commd of the Army w<sup>th</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> Hamilton, Several Negro Disserters come over to us daylie, who say the french are in great want of provisions.

They Daiely Exspected the Landing of Succours from England.

They Conferme the french's having 600 men from Martinico thro' the Invigilancy or neglect of our ffrigetts.

On the 3<sup>d</sup> Instant Arrived here Cap<sup>t</sup> Welsh from Antegua came out 3 dayes before the other and also acquaints us of Cap<sup>t</sup> Coffin and one Carry's being Taken into Martinico whom wee fear'd was lost.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Southack came in yesterday from the Eastward from Treating w<sup>th</sup> the Indians and Restoring them what was taken from them by Cap<sup>t</sup> Chadwell & his men.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant His Excell<sup>y</sup> the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Council and Represen-tatives went to the Castle to View the Same, and the ffortifications in order to fforward what is wanting.

On y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> from Piscataqua acquainted of a Ketches arrivall thair from Barbados brings no news only that Gov<sup>r</sup> not yet arrived & no Privateers heard of, of a long time, and y<sup>t</sup> ther was no truth in a privateers being on our coast, w<sup>ch</sup> report was occasioned by a sloop from Virginia Sabbath Last Arrived here who was willing to speake to three of our sloops bound hence for Boston, who the master sayes were Affraid of and run ashooar about Capepan, seeing him stand towards them.

From Rhoad Island ther was a small Vessell came in Last Week between point Judeth and Block Island, Next Day they heard some say 20, some a 27 guns, as if it were at Block Island, It's feared the Brig<sup>a</sup> is a french Privateer and that the ship was one of Lawrences prizes bought by M<sup>r</sup> Mallinson bound for Barbados.

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Boston ffor London, The Ship Amitie 150 Tuns 14 guns men answerable, Thom<sup>o</sup> Steele Commd.

The Ship Eliz<sup>a</sup> 100 Tuns David Robertson Commd<sup>r</sup>

The Agustus Gally 140 Tuns 12 guns Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Everton Commd<sup>r</sup>

The Ship Resignation 240 Tuns 20 guns Thom<sup>o</sup> Coram Commd<sup>r</sup> will all Sail in about 2 months.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Travise will Sail next Week for London

ffor Oporto the Ketch Exchange 40 Tuns James Cally Commd<sup>r</sup>

ffor Barbados, The Ship Hannah 100 Tuns 4 guns John Bennett, Commd<sup>r</sup>

His Excell<sup>y</sup> goes for his Goverm<sup>t</sup> of New hampshire on Wednesday next and from Thence to Cascobay in ord<sup>r</sup> to treat w<sup>t</sup> the Indians, Two Thirds whereof are for peace and one Third for warr.

[On the next page of the letter-sheet.]

Boston June 7<sup>th</sup> 1703

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir

I'm favour'd with yo<sup>r</sup> of 3<sup>d</sup> Curr<sup>t</sup> Congratulat your hon<sup>r</sup> Saife arrival home and on other syde is what occurs and an and ans<sup>r</sup> to your demands from

S<sup>r</sup>

Yo<sup>r</sup> Ho<sup>ns</sup> most Humble  
Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Jno: Campbell

[Addressed to Governor Winthrop of Connecticut.]

[Superscribed]

To The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
John Winthrop Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Gor<sup>r</sup> of Connecticut  
N London

ffranke

Boston June 14<sup>th</sup> 1703

On the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant the Assembly was adjourned unto the Last Wednesday of this month.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> His Excell<sup>y</sup> being Accompanyed with Several Gentle-  
men, went to his Goverm<sup>t</sup> of New hampshire.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> a Sloop from the Bay of Campeachy brings no News.

On the 11 Esq<sup>r</sup> Bromfield mett w<sup>t</sup> a Sore Mischance, coming out of his Warehouse door a Sloop Lying before his Warehouse door the m<sup>r</sup> of the Sloop hoising up his boom, the Sail being Loose to Dry it, gave Such a Swing that it struck him upon his Shouldier, Brock

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Boston Jull 12<sup>th</sup> 1703

ffrom N Yorke Jull 5: On the 29<sup>th</sup> June Last Arrived here Cap<sup>t</sup> Bassett from England they sailed from Plimoth the 2<sup>d</sup> May Last in a fleet of about 170 Sayle und<sup>r</sup> Convey of 7 men of warr, one part of w<sup>ch</sup> fleet were for the Streights, w<sup>th</sup> 3 men of warr another fleet for the West Indies w<sup>th</sup> 2 men of warr and the rest being about 70 Sail for Virginia und<sup>r</sup> Convey of the Guensey and Oxford frigets in the 1<sup>st</sup> of w<sup>ch</sup> comes Cap<sup>t</sup> Mathews M<sup>r</sup> Byerly Receiver Gener<sup>l</sup> of this province and M<sup>r</sup> Clarke our Secretary who brings w<sup>th</sup> them my L<sup>d</sup> Cornbury's Commissions for New Jearsy &c.

Wee hear one M<sup>r</sup> Griffith is Attorney-General of New Jersy and is in the Oxford some Letters say M<sup>r</sup> Bass is Secretary of that Province others the Contrary some Affirme he is in the fleet coming over w<sup>ch</sup> is Contradicted by others.

Wee hear a Gent<sup>l</sup> of very great Learning and Knowledge in the Law is judge of the Admiralty of Pensilvania and other places, but wee know not yet his name

Our Grand fleet were at Spithead ready to putt to Sea, consisting of about 130 Sail

Thirty great Ships most 3<sup>d</sup> Rates were at Plimoth commanded by S<sup>r</sup> Clously Shovell outward bound but where was not publick. Each Ship had on board 2 Comp<sup>ns</sup> of marines and Sundry Stores of warr and their Quarters hung w<sup>th</sup> Wheels & Carriages it was Generally beleived they were bound for the Streights. [Foreign news items follow.]

ffive Ships for Boston Sailed in Comp<sup>a</sup> w<sup>th</sup> this fleet who I suppose are Arived by whom you will have a better Information

Last Week Arrived Cap<sup>t</sup> Coward from Coraso brings no news.

On the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant Arrived a Sloop from Antegua in 17 Dayes and advises that Admir<sup>ll</sup> Graydon w<sup>th</sup> the forces touched at Guardeloop and finding our men were retired he stood on his Course just Called at Antegua and is gone for Jamaica.

That Gener<sup>ll</sup> Coddington is Still very ill at Antegua.

That a man of warr from Antegua on her cruise mett 2 french privateers a Barque and a Sloop, The Barque she Took w<sup>th</sup> 60 men and the Sloop she Chaced upon a Reeve and Battered her all to peices not having Left above 10 men alive. The Sloop was the [blank] w<sup>ch</sup> formerly belonged to Philadelphia the Cap<sup>t</sup> still in the West Indies as is said.

The Pensilvania post is come in and brings no news yet of the Arrivall of the Virginia fleett.

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Boston Jully 12<sup>th</sup> Last Week Arrived here Cap<sup>t</sup> Charnock from Antegua Porter from Mounseratt & Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>. Green from Bbados brings nothing new.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Steel Everton and Rob[er]tson will sail for London in about 20 Dayes.

Two Indians and an interpreter are co[me] hither from the Eastward of Casco bay acquaints of a french man of warr at Mont Desart neir to Nova Scotia who fires a gun Evening and Morning.

The Governm<sup>t</sup> has sent out a man of warr to Spy what this french man is.

Wee have Several Rumers of guns heard fireing off of Cape Ann on fryday and Satturday Last as yet hear nothing what it is.

Last Week a woman kill'd at Piscataqua w<sup>th</sup> the Thunder.

[Superscribed]

For the Honob<sup>le</sup>  
John Winthrope Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Governour of Connetc<sup>t</sup>  
Colony  
New London

*ffranke*

Boston Sept<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1703

To N London

On thursday Last returned our flag of truce from Port Royall who informed us that there is arrived thair from france a man of warr of 46 guns; had some red & blue Coats on board, and also two march<sup>t</sup> men or mast men of Considerable force was out from france about six weeks.

the Gov<sup>r</sup> of Port Royall told our men that he had 500 souldiers come which we do Judge to be a Comp<sup>a</sup> of 50 or 60 men.

they also told our men that our mast fleet was taken and 17 of our men of warr, and that their King had Cutt of 500 Hugonits that had rose up in rebellion: all which we give no Creditt to; but the Contrary that wee have taken so many of their men of warr and that the Hugonits are strong to the number of 50 thousand.

On fryday arrived here Cap<sup>t</sup> Johnson In a brigantin from antegua about a mounth Passage brings no news.

ffrom R<sup>d</sup> Island The 17. acquainted That that morning arrived thaire a privateer sloop from Providence belonging to Curraso, who had but 18 men, And brought In with him, a Spanish Ship of 7 guns 56. men which he Tooke off of Campechia Bay, loaden with Cocco, has on board 5 thousand peices of eight. about 130 Tuns fought him 3 glasses and never a man killed.

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He also brings the Tydings of Providence being taken on the 20<sup>th</sup> July by ffrench & Spainairds, A barque Alongo, A Brig<sup>a</sup>, & a sloop, the people were surprised in the night, there being but 3 men in the ffort, he hes brought with him hither a great many of the Inhabitants about 40 or 50, of whom Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Edwards is one who lost his sloop.

The ffrench and Spainairds carryed away 9 Vessells that Lay in the harbour, and the Gov<sup>r</sup>.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Wodsworth from Whitehaven and Ireland is just arrived about [blank] weeks passage say [Foreign news items follow.]

[On third page of the letter-sheet.]

Honbl<sup>e</sup> Sir

Boston Sept: 20<sup>th</sup> 1703

On other Syde is what occurs as I send your ho<sup>r</sup> weekly:

And Im Informed your generall Court is to sit at Newhaven next month, and I must represent to your ho<sup>r</sup> & Assembly The state of the post office as I have done to this Gov<sup>r</sup>t and Newhampshire In order to have some encouragment for the support of it, as they have done: else of necessity it must drop, I doubt not in the Least of your ho<sup>r</sup>s Concurrence therein, and with humble service am

S<sup>r</sup>

Your ho<sup>r</sup>s most Humble

Serv<sup>t</sup>

Jn<sup>o</sup> Campbell

To N London

Boston Octo: 4<sup>th</sup> 1703

ffrom Piscataqua the 1<sup>st</sup> Jnstant acquainted that a party of our forces under the Command of Liv<sup>t</sup> Coll March and Maj<sup>r</sup> Cutler about 365 marched on Sabbath Last to Pigwakett and are in hopes to hear of them in Two or Three Dayes.

That m<sup>r</sup> Henry Newman in a Sloop took up 3 french men in a burch Cannoo at Caskobay who are brought hither, upon Examination they Say that on the 8<sup>th</sup> May Last they came from Quebeck, where they were Souldiers and run away from thence because of bad usage, and Jntended to Boston for Protection, they Say that they Sold their Armes at Port Royall, However it's judged they had no good Design and are now in prison.

They Say that the Gov<sup>r</sup> of Canada is Dead and that ther is 28 Comp<sup>as</sup> at Quebeck—consisting of 30 men Each.

ffrom Hartford acquainted that a post came Latly from Albany, who acqua[inted]<sup>3</sup> that a Mohawk was come in from [the]<sup>4</sup> Lake and Sayes that the Gov<sup>r</sup> of Canada w<sup>th</sup> 700 men was on this Side of the

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Lake Designing to march and make a Descent on the Frontiers of N England but that an Express came to him as was going to march acquainting him of a fleet of Ships seen w<sup>ch</sup> they Knew not whether friends or foes, upon w<sup>ch</sup> he and his Army posted back again.

And from Springfield it's Said the reason of their going back was the mischief w<sup>ch</sup> our Indians had Done at the Eastward had awakened our people to Secure our frontiers.

Boston, No Ships Arrived this Week & wee are in great fears of our mast fleet, the only hopes is that they came not out w<sup>th</sup> the Grand fleet, as it's said they did.

Wee had an Eminent Delivery on Satturday night about 12 a Clocke at Night a fire had Like to have brock out in a house neir to Cap<sup>t</sup> Williams.

[Superscribed]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
John Winthrop Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Go<sup>r</sup> of Connecticut at  
N London

ffranke.

To Go<sup>r</sup> Winthrop.

Boston Octo<sup>r</sup> 1703.

On the 13 Last Arrived Cap<sup>t</sup> ffoster and Roisse from London being other Two of the Ships came from Corke in Ireland last.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> Arrived Cap<sup>t</sup> Holberton from Lond<sup>o</sup> an other of the ships came last from Corke in Jreland w<sup>th</sup> our mast fleet and Cap<sup>t</sup> Pitts from Jamaica.

There arrived Cap<sup>t</sup> Parsons said Day at Marblehead from Absome.

And Cap<sup>t</sup> Blankett in five Weeks from Engl<sup>d</sup> who mett 3 Privateers 100 Leagues to the Westward of Lands End, one of them gave him chase and he bore up to him wherupon he withdrew: The other Two bore down upon him, and upon that he showed them a pair of heells, She is a Ship of 30 guns.

They acquaint us Expecially the last of London being bound hither was taken off of the bancks of Newfoundland, and Carried into St Malloes who was sold thair for Twenty Hundred pounds who was Esteemed to be worth fourteen or fifteen Thousand pounds.

They acquaint us of severall ships Taken—Especially Travise that sailed hence after Cap<sup>t</sup> Delbridge.

A Lond<sup>o</sup> Gazer of July 26 says [Foreign news item follows.]

A Gazer of July 29 Say [Foreign news item follows.]

On the 15<sup>th</sup> Arrived Cap<sup>t</sup> Lewis from Sirranam and Cap<sup>t</sup> Vantman and Holland from Jamaica.

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By a print of July 31 from Edinburgh acquainted [item of parliamentary news].

Cap<sup>t</sup> Plankett Says that Portugale had Declared warr ag<sup>t</sup> france and Spain.

Cap<sup>t</sup> John Grasilier sails for Lond<sup>o</sup> next Week.

ffrom Nyorke the 12<sup>th</sup> Curr<sup>t</sup> acquainted that the Indians proposed to his Excell<sup>y</sup> the L<sup>d</sup> Cornbury to make peace with y<sup>e</sup> french of Canada which his Lo<sup>p</sup> would not admitt of & its beleived they are [on]<sup>s</sup> both sydes & receive presents from both neither French nor their Indians have been in them Quarters since the warr nor any acts of hostility Committed be neither and no truth said to be in the report from Harford.

Some people in Connecticut seized two or three of albany river Indians and ill treated them and had likelie have brought all the Six nations upon them selves had not my L<sup>d</sup> Cornbury's seasonable arrivall at albany prevented it.

They wrift of the violent Storme wee had on fryday was seventh carryed out of the Road 22 vessels and Wood boates 14 of them trading Vessells beyond Sea, some Drove one way and some another, and great Damage Done in Divers Sellars, the Loss will be some thousands of pounds.

The Assembly<sup>¶</sup>Sitt's at NYorke:

[Superscribed]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
John Winthrop Esq:  
Gof<sup>t</sup> of Connecticut to  
be forwarded by the post  
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Indies, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York, and occasionally from far-away Philadelphia, or farther away South Carolina. Sometimes remarkable incidents in neighboring towns were noted, generally with an editorial apology for their printing. Skippers sailing between Boston and the West Indies or ports of the other colonies now and then brought back marvellous stories of adventure which were published without apology. Some affairs, which even in perspective loom large and important were reported in a manner that makes them valuable historical documents. Such, for example, were the reduction of St. Augustine in 1705; the French capture of the West Indies in 1706; the attack upon Charleston by the French squadron in 1706; the capture of Port Royal and Acadia in 1710; the unsuccessful expedition against Quebec in 1711 and other events in and about the colonies incidental to the war of the Spanish succession.

Campbell's venture was not a financial success; throughout all its early years it led a precarious existence. Subscribers were few, and advertisers—the main stay of the modern newspaper—were conspicuously absent. Notwithstanding the pre-supposed popular desire for the news of the day the publisher seems to have been, to a very considerable extent, compelled to create his reading public. Interest in English and European affairs, except as pertaining to the colonies, was surely waning, there were few stirring home events to excite curiosity, and what little domestic news there might be was the hear-say of the community long before it could appear in print.

Almost immediately after beginning publication the necessity for more generous support was forced upon the publisher, and his appeals for subscribers, as set forth in the columns of his paper, were frequent and urgent. In November, 1705, he presented a petition to the General Court then in session asking an allowance "for the year past, in the discharge of both Posts, the Postoffice, and Letter of Intelligence, \* \* and for the future." That part of the petition referring to the News-Letter was:

"your Petitioner also having Last year sett on foott a weekly Letter of Intelligence for both foreign and Domestick occurrences, expecting that the Incomes thereby being sett at a Moderate Rate, would be sufficient to defray the Necessary Charge thereof; The which it did not do, And this year several Gentlemen, Merchants and others being willing it should not drop, but be continued, have Agreed to contribute towards It's support for another year: yet Notwithstanding there are not a Competent number that offers to carry it on, And It being found beneficial & of Publick use and service to the Countrey to prevent a great many false Reports."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, Vol. VIII, pp. 158 and 562-563; Massachusetts Archives, Vol. 88, pp. 344-345.

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Starting with a single half-sheet folio, printed on both sides, two columns to the page, the News-Letter continued without material change in form during the greater part of its career. Almost from the outset, however, there were occasional expansions to two, four, six, eight or even ten pages; a supplement was sometimes added but generally the single sheet of two pages prevailed. The size of the paper page was about 8 by 12½ inches. Different copies now preserved show slight variances from those measurements, some of them running as low as 7½ by 12½ inches; probably these differences are due to the trimming or wearing away of the edges of the sheets, or they may have resulted from a shrinkage of the paper. The paper page of the first six numbers (in the file in the library of the New York Historical Society) is 7 by 11½ inches. The page of the seventh number is 7½ by 11½, and after that the page sizes are as has been noted. It would appear that the first six numbers were printed on a sheet smaller than that subsequently and permanently adopted. The type pages (in the same file) also show slight variations in the early issues, ranging from 6½ by 10½ inches or 6½ by 10½ inches to 6½ by 11½ inches or 6½ by 11½ inches. Column widths varied from 3 to 3½ inches.

The imprint was changed several times before its fixed form was finally determined. In the first and second editions of the first number there were different forms, and that in the second edition was retained in the second, third and fourth numbers, except that the word Boston, in old English, was followed by a colon instead of a comma. With the fifth number this imprint was adopted: "**Boston:** Printed by *B. Green*. Sold at the Post-Office. 1704;" and that form was retained until John Allen succeeded Bartholomew Green as printer, November 10, 1707. Allen varied the typography of the imprint several times, and when Green again became the printer, October 8, 1711, there was another change.

For the title, a roman face letter old style Caslon type was used. In the early years the initials "N. E." in old English type were placed above the title, but later on this was sometimes expanded to "New-England" and printed now in roman and again in italic. For the word "Number," old English type was first used and afterward roman or italic. There were also changes in the type faces used in the date line. The line "Published by Authority" was printed in old English in the early issues but subsequently it was put in roman or italic. The use of rules above and below this line was varied from time to time, especially in the period of John Allen's printing. The "Published by Authority" constituted part of the heading from

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6. Buckingham, in his *Specimens of Newspaper Literature*, says that the heading was set in French Canon type. Canon was the old name for the type size that in present day nomenclature is known as 42 point.

# The Boston News-Letter.

Published by Authority.

From Monday April 17. to Monday April 24. 1704.

London Evening-Post from December 2d. to April. 1703.

**I**n a Sheet lately Printed there, Intituled, *A Serious Alarm for Scotland. In a Letter from a Gentleman in the City, to his Friend in the Country, concerning the present Danger of the Kingdom and of the Church and Religion.*

This Letter takes Notice, That Papists swarm in that Nation, that they traffick more avowedly than formerly, & that of late many Scores of Priests and Jesuits are come thither from France, and gone to the North, to the Highlands & other places of the County. That the Ministers of the Highlands and North gave in large Lists of them to the Committee of the General Assembly, to be laid before the Privy-Council.

It likewise observes, that a Great Number of other ill-affected persons are come over from abroad, under pretence of accepting his Majesty's Gracious Indemnity; but, in reality to incite Divisions in the Nation, and to undermine a Constitutional

From all this he infers, That they have hopes of Assistance from France, otherwise they would not be so impudent; and he gives Reasons for his Apprehensions that the French King may Land Troops thither this Winter. 1. Because the English & Dutch will not then be at Sea to oppose them. 2. He can then best spare them, the Season of Action beyond Sea being over. 3. The Expectation given him of a considerable number to join them, may incourage him to the undertaking with fewer Men. If he can but send over a sufficient Number of Officers with Arms and Ammunition.

He endeavours in the rest of his Letters to answer the foolish Pretences of the Pretender's being a Protestant, and that he will govern us according to the Law. He says, that being bred up in the Royal Education & Politics of France, he is by Nature an Enemy to our Liberty and Religion. That the Obligations which he has to his Family and to the French King, would necessarily make him to wholly at his Devotion, and to follow his Leadings where he Grantham the Tribune, the three next

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the issue of April 24, 1704 to that of September 2, 1725, excepting July 18, 1720—December 31, 1722. Double dating of the years for the months of January, February and March was used—though not always in strict conformity to the system—until the issue of January 7, 1717 when the new style was adopted. In this compilation new style dating has been followed but in transcribing the newspaper headings and text, actual date lines have been copied as they stand originally printed.

Typographically, the News-Letter was, for the most part, an admirable production. The paper was of good quality and after two hundred years shows few signs of disintegration, save as it has been torn or otherwise damaged. Type with a sharply-cut and well defined face was used and the press work was altogether creditable, the impressions being clean and strong. Even the ink has stood the test of two centuries. This recognition of the excellence of the printer's work refers particularly to the News-Letter as it was produced by Bartholomew Green. During the time that it was printed by John Allen there was a marked deterioration in its typographic appearance. Most of the Allen issues were inferior specimens indeed, especially in comparison with those of Green. It is evident that Green had a better equipped office, and certainly he was the better printer.

Editorially, during its first period, the News-Letter was a poor performance. It was crudely, indeed often ignorantly, written, with a frank disregard of grammar, and clearness of expression, and a Timothy Dexter scorn of right punctuation. The spelling was mostly correct, but whether that was a virtue of the editor or the proof reader may not now be known. In punctuation, in capitalization, in italicization, and so on, there was no uniformity of usage, and for these faults the responsibility may perhaps be divided between the editor and the printer.

On the following pages of this volume these editorial and typographic peculiarities have been carefully preserved. The editors of this Digest have aimed to reproduce the contents of these old newspapers with textual fidelity to the originals, even in the most obvious errors of the printer, such for example as the ending of a sentence without a period, the beginning of a sentence with a lower case letter instead of a capital, the appearance of an italic capital to a word in roman type, and others of like character. As anyone can see at a glance such faults as these are absurd blunders, an oversight in the proof reading or a mixing of the types. Nothing necessary to a clear understanding of the text could be gained by their correction while by their retention at least the spirit and color of the originals are fully preserved. Here and there, in marked

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instances only, suggestive readings or corrections have been interpolated in brackets. Otherwise the text has been left without change or comment—except in foot notes—exactly as it appeared to its first readers two hundred years ago.

In the library of the New York Historical Society is a volume of the News-Letter which contains copies of issues for 1705, 1706, 1707 and 1708 that are not known to be elsewhere preserved. Originally the volume was bound in calf which has become dark brown with age; the back and the corners were later rebound in calf of a lighter color. On the backbone is the title BOSTON NEWS-LETTER and the dates, 1704-1708. On a front blank page is this inscription: "To the New York Historical Society from George Bruce. Printer New York. 1805"—and on the inside front cover there is this note in lead pencil, "This volume contains No. 1 April 17 1704 to No 209 April 19 1708 Nos wanting 27, 138, 139, 140, 141 W. K." Family tradition says that a sea captain sailing between Boston and New York, either gave or sold this book to Mr Bruce, but no certain evidence of that has been produced. The volume has been briefly described in a paper read by Dr. Samuel Abbott Green before the Massachusetts Historical Society, November 13, 1890, and reprinted in a pamphlet.<sup>7</sup>

A special interest attaches to this volume. There seems to be no doubt that it was the property of our New England Pepys, Chief Justice Samuel Sewall. In the front are bound four pages of a manuscript entitled "Memorandums" and this, it is generally believed by those who have examined it, is in the handwriting of Mr Sewall. The memorandum is merely an index to some of the articles in the various issues of the file and further on upon the margins of those issues, the same articles are often annotated in the same handwriting with the letters "N." or "M. E." added. Throughout the volume are scattered other marginal notes also in the same handwriting. These are mostly signed S.S. and some of them refer to matters mentioned in Judge Sewall's Diary. On several of the numbers—notably September 29, October 6, October 20, November 24, December 15, and December 22, 1707, and January 12, January 19, March 1, March 8, and March 15, 1707-8—the autograph *Sir Sewall* appears on the bottom margin of the first page.

The Sewall annotations in this file are as follows:

June 19, 1704,—top of second column, first page; "Major Sewall."

January 8, 1705,—added to entry of death of Madame Sarah Leverett; "Interd Jan<sup>r</sup> 8."

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<sup>7</sup> William Kelby was librarian of the New York Historical Society, 1895-1898.

<sup>8</sup> Remarks on An Early File of the Boston News-Letter.

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September 9, 1706,—bottom of first page; “Sent me to Bristol [by?] Mr. Secretary.”

August 4, 1707,—top of second column, second page; “Mr Benjamin Ruggles wife Dead. 34 years & 9 months”

March 1, 1708,—foot of second page; “N. The Justices were apointed the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of Febr.”

In the file of the New York Historical Society are bound several broadsides. Between the issues of July 10 and July 17, 1704, is the two page sheet: An Account of the Behaviour and last Dying | Speeches | Of the Six Pirates, that were Executed on *Charles River, Boston* side, | on Fryday June 30th. 1704. *Viz.* | *Capt* John Quelch, John Lambert, Christopher Scudamore, | John Miller, Erasmus Peter-son and Peter Roach. | This broadside was printed and sold for Nicholas Boone. Another copy of it is bound in the News-Letter file of the Massachusetts Historical Society between the issues of June 26 and July 3, 1704. Following the issue of August 12, 1706, is the two page sheet: A Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Richard Bellingham Esqr. Late Gouvernour of the Colony of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in New-England. This broadside is endorsed in Judge Sewall’s handwriting “Given me by Mr. S. Stoddard, Augt. 6, 1706.” ✓

Immediately after the issue of August 11, 1707 is the broadside: | To my Worthy Friend, | Mr James Bayley, | Living (if Living) in Roxbury. A Poem, | by the Reverend Nicholas Noyes of Salem. A note on the margin, by Judge Sewall, says “Printed, July 30, 1707.” With this Bayley poem is the two page broadside: | Informations | and | Directions | For the making of Tar, and Choice of Trees | for the same, as in Finland. | This broadside was printed by Bartholo-mew Green in July, 1707. Following the issue of September 15, 1707 is John Danforth’s: | A Pindarick ELEGY Upon the Renowned, | Mr Samuel Willard, | Late Reverend Teacher of the South Church in *Boston*, and | Vice President of *Harvard College* in Cambridge; | Who Deceased *September* the 12<sup>th</sup>. 1707. *Aetatis Anno* 68. | Following the issue of December 1, 1707, and attached to the first page of the next issue by sealing wax, is Judge Sewall’s famous pronunciamento, dated *Tuesday, November 25, 1707*: The Reasons of my withdrawing my Vote from what was Pass’d in Council, upon *Saturday, November* the First, relating to an Address offered to Her Majesty, Sign’d *Nath Higginson, &c.*

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday April 17. to Monday April 24. 1704.

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THE first number of the first continuously published newspaper of the English colonies in America covered the week from Monday, April 17, to Monday, April 24, 1704. It was printed on both sides of a half sheet folio, the paper page being 7 by  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches and the type page  $6\frac{1}{4}$  by  $10\frac{3}{4}$  inches. It contains an extract from the London Flying Post respecting the pretender, who called himself King James VIII of Scotland, sending Popish missionaries from France to Scotland; the queen's speech to parliament; a few items of domestic news and the advertisement of the publisher, John Campbell.

Two editions of this issue were printed, as is clearly proven by typographical differences in the three complete copies that have been preserved, or are known to be extant. A mutilated copy, about one-third of the whole sheet, is in the Harvard College library. Two of the three complete copies, in the libraries of the American Antiquarian Society and the New York Historical Society, are identical, both being of the first edition. The other copy, in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, is of the second edition.

Some of the differences in these editions have been referred to by Samuel Abbott Green,<sup>1</sup> and others, for the first time, are noted here. Punctuation varies frequently in the two editions. In the second paragraph of the second column of the first page the word Eamily of the first edition is corrected to Family in the second; the word and is substituted for the character &; in the fifth paragraph of the first column of the first page the letter-spacing in the second edition is closer so that the lines break differently; in the fifth paragraph of the second column of the second page *Curraso* is substituted in the second edition for *Currasoa* and *Currasoe* in the first; and in the first paragraph of the same column *Rhode Island* of the first edition becomes *Rhod Island* in the second; in the ninth paragraph of the same column *Maryland* of the first edition becomes *Marryland* in the second. Copies of the publisher's advertisement as it was printed in each edition, showing particularly a change in the advertising agency of the paper, are printed herewith. The first edition had this imprint: "Boston, Printed by B. Green. Sold by Nicholas Boone, at his Shop near the Old Meeting House," while the imprint of the second edition was: "Boston: Printed by B. Green. Sold by Nicholas Boone, at his Shop near the Old Meeting House."

Undoubtedly the appearance of this sheet excited something more than ordinary interest in the community. Concerning it Judge Samuel Sewall wrote:

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1 Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Various Subjects.

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"April 24, 1704. I went to Cambridge to see some Books on the Revelation, and there met with Mr. Pignet: went into Hall and heard Mr. Willard expound Rom. 4 9 10 11 and pray. I gave Mr. Willard the first News-Letter that ever was carried over the River. He shew'd it the Fellows. I came home in company with Mr. Adams."<sup>2</sup>

The first number of the News-Letter has been several times reprinted from type. In some instances these reprints have been on paper stained with coffee liquor to give it the brown appearance of age, and many such have passed into the possession of persons who have been led to believe them genuine originals. So far as is known at this writing (1910) only three complete copies and one fragment of this issue are in existence. The number has also been reproduced in fac-simile by photograph, first by Samuel Abbott Green in 1903.<sup>3</sup>]

*Boston, April, 18* Arrived Capt. *Sill* from *Jamacia* about 4 Weeks Passage, says they continue there very Sickly. Mr. *Nathaniel Oliver* a principal Merchant of this place died *April 15* & was decently inter'd *April, 18*. *Ætatis 53.*

The Honourable Col. *Nathanael Byfield* Esq. is Commissioned Judge of the Admiralty for the Provinces of *Massachusetts-Bay, New-Hampshire* and *Rhod-Island*. And *Thomas Newton* Esq. Judge-Deputy for the Colony of *Massachusetts-Bay*.

The 20. the Rd. Mr. *Pemberton* Preach'd an Excellent Sermon on 1 *Thes 4. 11.* *And do your own business:* Exhorting all Ranks & Degrees of Persons to do their own work, in order to a REFORMATION: which His Excellency has ordered to be Printed.<sup>4</sup>

The 21. His Excellency Dissolved the Gen. Assembly.

*Rhode-Island 22.* The Rd. Mr. *Lockyer* dyed on Thurs. last

Capt. *Toungrello* has taken Five Prizes off of *Curraso*, one of which is come in to *Rhode-Island* mostly Loaden with *Cocco, Tobacco, Liquors &c.* She is a *Curraso* Trader, as all the rest were. One of the Five was one *Larew* a *French-man*, a Sloop of 8 Guns & 8 Patteraro's 76 Men, Fought him Board and Board three Glasses; Captain *Larew* was kill'd, and 20 of his Men kill'd & wounded: Capt. *Toungrello* wounded thro' the Body; and five of his men, but none kill'd, he had but 40 Fighting Men, when he took *Larew*.

The 18 *Currant*, came in a Sloop to this Port from *Virginia*, the Master informed Governour *Cranston* Esq. he was Chased by a Topsail Shallop off of *Block-Island*, which he judged to be a *French*

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2 Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. I, p. 100.

3 Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Various Subjects, by Samuel Abbott Green; Curiosities of History, by William W. Wheildon.

4 This sermon was preached at a lecture in the South Meetinghouse, April 20, 1704. See Notes in The Acts and Resolves, . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 104.

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Privateer, and that there was two other Vessels in her Company, which he judged to be her Prizes. Whereupon his Honour being concerning for the Publick Weal and Safety of Her Majesties good Subjects, immediately caused the Drum to beat for Voluntiers, under the Command of Capt. *Wanton*, and in 3 or four hours time, Fitted and Man'd a Brigantine, with 70 brisk young men well Arm'd, who Sail'd the following Night, returned last Evening, and gave his Honour an Account, that they found the aforesaid Shallop, with one other, and a Ketch at *Tarolian* Cove, who were all Fishing Vessels belonging to *Marblehead* or *Salem*, who were Fishing off of *Block-Island*, one of them was a *French* built Shallop with a Topsail, which gave the great suspician that they were Enemies.

*New-York, April, 17.* By a Barque from *Jamacia*, (last from *Barmuda*, 7 Weeks Passage,) says, there was an Embargo in that Island several Months, occasioned by News they had of a design the *French & Spaniards* had, to make a descent upon them: She came out with the Homeward bound *London* Fleet, who are gone home without Convoy.

Capt. *Davison* in the *Eagle Gally*, Sailes for *London*, in a Month, if the *Virginia* Fleet stays so long; he intends to keep them Company Home, if not, to run for it, being Built for that Service.

*Philadelphia, April, 14.* An Account that the *Dreadnaught* Man of War was Arrived in *Marryland*.

*N. London, April, 20.* The Adventure, A Vessel 60 Tuns, will Sail from thence to London, in three Weeks or a Months time.

**Advertisement.**

**T**HIS News-Letter is to be continued Weekly; and all Persons who have any Houses, Lands, Tenements, Farms, Ships, Vessels, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, &c. to be Sold, or Let; or Servants Runaway, or Goods Stole or Lost; may have the same inserted at a Reasonable Rate, from *Twelve Pence* to *Five Shillings*, and not to exceed: Who may agree with *John Campbel* Post-master of *Boston*.

All Persons in Town and Country, may have said News-Letter every Week, Yearly, upon reasonable terms, agreeing with *John Campbel*, Post-master for the same.

[Below is the text of this advertisement as it appeared in the first edition of this issue.]

**T**HIS News-Letter is to be continued Weekly; and all Persons who have any Houses, Lands, Tenements, Farms, Ships, Vessels, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, &c. to be Sold, or Let; or Servants Runaway; or Goods Stole or Lost, may have the same Inserted at a Reasonable Rate; from *Twelve Pence* to *Five Shillings*, and not to

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exceed: Who may agree with *Nicholas Boone* for the same at his Shop, next door to Major *Davis's*, Apothecary in *Boston*, near the Old Meeting-House.

All Persons in Town and Country may have said News-Letter Weekly upon reasonable terms, agreeing with *John Campbell* Post-Master for the same.

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** April 24. to **Monday** May 1. 1704.

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[**T**HIS issue is a full sheet folio, the last page, however, blank. The foreign matter comprises extracts from the London Flying Post, December 23-25, covering European war news in advices from Warsaw, Zurich, and Vienna, and reports from Frankfort as to the design of France and Spain to divide Switzerland "betwixt them".]

*South-Carolina Via New-York.*

**A**N Account of what the Army from thence had done, under the Command of Colonel *Moore* in his Expedition last Winter against the *Spaniards* and *Spanish Indians*. In a Letter from him to the Governour of *Carolina*. May it please Your Honour to accept of this short Narrative of what I with the Army under my Command have been doing since my Departure from the *Ockomulgg* on the 19<sup>th</sup>. *December*. On the 14<sup>th</sup>. *January* we came to a Town, and strong and almost regular Fort about Sun Rising, call'd *Ayavalle*, at our first approach the Indians in it fired and shot Arrows at us briskly; from which we shelter'd our selves under the side of a great Mud-wall'd House, till we could take a view of the Fort, and consider of the best way of assaulting it: which we concluded to be by breaking the Church door, which made a part of the Fort, with Axes. I no sooner proposed this, but my men readily undertook it; ran up to it briskly, (the Enemy at the same time shooting at them) were beaten off without effecting it, and fourteen white men wounded, two hours after that we thought fit to attempt the burning the Church, which we did, three or four Indians assisting us: The Indians in it obstinately defending themselves, and kill'd us two white men, *viz.* *Frances Plowden*, and *Thomas Dale*; after we were within their

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Fort, a Fryar the only white in it came forth and begged mercy: In this we took about 26 men alive, and 58 Women and Children; The Indians took about as many more of each sort, the Fryar told us, we kill'd in the two Storms Twenty five men. The next morning the Captain of St. *Lewis* Fort with 23 white men and 400 Indians came to Fight us, which we did, beat him, took him, and Eight of his men Prisoners: And as the Indians which say they did it, told us kill'd five or six Whites: We have a particular Account from our Indians of 168 Indian men kill'd and taken in the Fight and Flight, but the *Appalatchia* Indians say, they Lost 200, which we have reason to believe to be the least. Captain *John Berringer* Fighting bravely in the Head of our men was kill'd at my foot: Captain *Fox* dyed of a Wound given him at the first Storming of the Fort. Two days after I sent to the *Cassik* of *Ibiachuka*, who with 130 men was in his strong and well made Fort, to come and make his peace with me, the which he did, and compounded for it, with his Churches Plate, and ten Horses laden with Provisions: After this I marched thro' five Towns which had all strong Forts and Defences against small Arms; they all submitted and surrendered their Forts to me without condition. I have now in my Company all the whole People of three Towns, and the greatest part of four more: we have totally destroyed all the people of two Towns: So that we have left in *Appalatchia* but that one Town which compounded with one part of St. *Lewis*, and the people of one Town which run away all together; their Town, Church and Fort we have burnt. The People of St *Lewis* come to me every night. I expect and have advice that the Town which compounded with me, are coming after me: The waiting for these People make my Marches slow, for I'm willing to bring away with me free, as many of the Indians as I can: This being the Address of the Commons to Your Honour to Order it so, this will make my mens part of Plunder (which otherwise might have been 100l. a man) but small: but I hope with Your Honours assistance to find away to gratifie them for their bold and stout action, and their great loss of blood: I never see or hear of a stouter or braver thing done, than the Storming the Fort: It hath regained the reputation we seem'd to have lost under the Conduct of *Robert Macken*, the Indians having now a mighty value for the Whites: *Appalatchia* is now reduced to the feeble and low condition, that it can neither support St *Augustin* with Provision, or disturb, endamage or frighten us; our Indians living between us and *Appalatchia* and the *French*: In short we have made *Carolina* as safe as the conquest of *Appalatchia* can make it. If I had not so many men wounded in our first Attempt, I had assaulted St *Lewis* Fort, in which is about 28 or 30 men, and 20 of these came thither from *Panseccoola* to buy

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Provision the first night after I took the first Fort. On Sabbath the 23<sup>d</sup>. Instant I came out of *Appalachia* settle[ment], and am now about Thirty miles on my way home, but do not expect to reach it before the middle of *March*, notwithstanding my Horses will not be able to carry me to the Chereques Mountains. I have had a dirty, tedious and uneasie Journey, and though I have no reason to fear any harm from the Enemy, through the difference between the Whites and Indians, and between Indians and Indians, bad way and fales Alarms, do still labour under hourly uneasiness. The number of free *Appalachia* Indians which are now under my protection, and bound with me to *Carolina* are 1300. And 100 for Slaves. The Indians under my Command kill'd and took Prisoners in the Plantation, whilst we Stormed the Fort, as many Indians as we and they took and kill'd in the Fort. *Dated in the Woods 50 Miles N. and E. of Appalachia.*<sup>5</sup>

*Piscataqua, April 22d.* Last night arrived one *Parker* in a Sloop from *Antigua* 3 Weeks passage, Says, that the New General is daily expected with 14. or 16. Sail of men of War. That the French have 22. Sail of Privateers out.

*Newbury, April 22.* The Honourable Col. *Daniel Pierce* Esq. one of Her Majesties Council for this Province Dyed this Day.

*Boston, April 24.* By a Sloop arrived here from *Jamacia, Judah Thacher* Master, about 5 Weeks passage from thence; acquainted, That the man who gave information of a descent intended by the *French* and *Spaniards* to be made on that Island, being found false was put in Prison. That there was an Indian come from the *Main-land* of *New-Spain*, complaining to the Governour of *Jamacia*, of bad usage they had met from the *Spaniards*, and if His Excellency would send Forces, that the Indians would joyn them, and destroy the *Spaniards*, what they could: The Indian was a brisk little Fellow, whom his Excellency was pleas'd to Cloath well: but whither he would send Forces or not the Master could not tell. There was one Capt. *Christian* a French Privateer, in a small Snow about 6 Guns, Sailed from the *Havana*, with two more Privateer Sloops in Company, having on Board about 150 men, designed to Land on the North side of the Island of *Jamacia*, and plunder the People. But Capt. *Gelding* in a private man of War Sloop, 4 Guns, about 60 men, belonging to *Jamacia*, came up with said *Christian*, and his two Sloops; the which two Sloops he took, and gave *Christian* a broad side, and Chased him; but *Christian* out-sailing *Gelding*, made his escape, and

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<sup>5</sup> Reprinted from the News-Letter in Carroll's Historical Collections of South Carolina, Vol. II, 1836. Bancroft, in his History of the United States, Vol. II, p. 194, errs in referring to this invasion as having occurred in the last weeks of 1705.

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got clear; which if Capt. *Gelding* had not met with, might have proved very detrimental to that Island.

*Boston, April 28.* An Express came to His Excellency from *New-Hampshire*, acquainting him, That there was a man found Dead and Scalpt near *Dover*, but whither kill'd by *English* or *Indians*, not yet known.

Sail'd from *Boston* this Week, Capt. *William Blaire*, in the Ship *Providence* for *Barbados*. *Zachariah Cauley*, in the Ship *John* for *Lisbon*. *Stephen Pain*, in the Sloop *Mary* for *Madera*. *John Moor* in the Ketch *New-Berry* for *Newfoundland*. *Richard Smith*, Brigateen *Dragon*, for *Antigua*. *Nehemiah Heath* in a Brigateen *Endeavour*, for *Ruanoke*.

And out-ward bound, *James Bridgham* for *Barbados*, in the Sloop *Unity*. *John Richards*, in the Brigateen *Sarah*, for *Jamacia*: And *Nathanael Vial* in a Sloop *Lark*, for said Port. *Joseph Brown*, in the Ketch *Freke*, for *Madera*. And Capt. *Giles Fyfield* in the Ship *Mary*, for *Antigua*, Sails within Ten days, from *Rhode-Island*. Capt. *Samuel Pain* in the Ship *Grayhound*, is bound for *Nevis*, will Sail in about a Fornight. *Judah Thacher* in a Sloop bound for *Jamacia*, will Sail about 20 days hence.

*Piscataqua, April 28.* By Letters thence, acquainted, That on the 18th. Marched Forty one English and Indians from *Salmon-Falls* unto *Winnopiscag Ponds*, and at the same time from thence (being the Seat of War) about 90 more *Eastward*, under the Conduct of Capt. *Brown*, having 8 dayes Provision, who Travelled thro' *Well's* round *Mowsum River*, and 20 Miles up *Saco*, being the most reputed Places for Fishing; they returned last *Wednesday*, but could not discover any Foot-steps of the Enemy, excepting one Canoo.

On *Tuesday* the 25 *Nathanael Meader* of *Dover* in *Oyster River*, being at work in his Field, and burning Brush, was waylaid by a Company of Indians, as he returned home about Sunset, who shot him through the thigh & legs, then took, Scalpt, kill'd, and stript him Naked.

On *Wednesday* Morning a small Scout made a descent on *Lamprey, Eel River*, who destroyed *Edward Taylor*, at the Saw-mill, and took his Wife and Son Captive, as they went from the Garrison unto their dwelling-house, about a Mile and a half distant in the Woods. Major *Hilton* instantly raised about 20 men, who in a little time discovered the Enemies track, but the Night approaching, prevented any further discovery.

*Rhode-Island, April 27.* The Honourable Col. *Nathanael Byfield* Esq. his Commission for Judge of the Admiralty, was published and admitted of here, on the 25. Currant.

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The prize that Capt. *Toungerlo* sent in, could not be condemned, in regard there was not Evidences sent in her; but those to whom she was conuigned, proffer'd sufficient Bond and Security to respond said Goods, upon having liberty to take them on Shoar till could be condemned, which suppos'd would be granted.

*New-York April 24.* The *Dreadnought* with Colonel *Seymour*, Governour of *Maryland* Arrived the 10th. Instant. The *Virginia* Fleet will Sail the latter end of *May* for *London*. Captain *Davison* from hence designs to keep them Company, if they Sail at that time. On the 18th. Arrived a Sloop here from *Curaso*: the 23. a Sloop Arrived from *Madera*, 7 Weeks Passage, *Joseph Wright* Master. Capt. *Burges* and Capt. *Davies* lie ready to Sail for *Virginia*, for Convoy home.

■ Lost on the 10. of *April* last off Mr. *Shippen's* Wharff in *Boston*, Two Iron Anvils, weighing between 120 and 140 pound each: Whoever has taken them up, and will bring or give true Intelligence of them to *John Campbell* Post-master, shall have a sufficient reward.

### Advertisement.

THIS News-Letter is to be continued Weekly; and all Persons who have any Houses, Lands, Tenements, Farms, Ships, Vessels, Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, &c. to be Sold, or Let; or Servants Run-away, or Goods Stole or Lost; may have the same inserted at a Reasonable Rate, from *Twelve Pence* to *Five Shillings*, and not to exceed: Who may agree with *John Campbell* Post-master of *Boston*, for the same: And if in the Country, with the Post-master of the respective Towns, to be transmitted to the Post-master of *Boston*: and all such Advertisements are to be brought in Writing to said Post-master.

All persons in Town and Country, may have said News-Letter every Week, Yearly, upon reasonable terms, agreeing with *John Campbell*, Post master for the same.

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[IN this issue return was made to the half sheet folio of the first number, printed on both sides. The first page is largely taken up by extracts from the London Gazette, Novemb. 8 to 11, 1703, giving a report of the opening of Parliament and the queen's speech. The domestic news is more varied than that of the previous issues.]

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By his Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New England*.

A PROCLAMATION<sup>6</sup> for a General FAST

*U*pon Consideration of the troublesome State of Europe, by reason of the Calamitous Wars wherein those Nations are Engaged amongst themselves, and of Her Majesties Great & Just Interest therein: As also the present Circumstances of these Her Majesties Territories and Plantations, And the Influences which the Wars of Europe may have upon our selves; Together with the Hostilitie acted against us by the treacherous Murderous Salvages within our Limits.

I have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, and at the desire of the Representatives, to Appoint Thursday, the 18th of May next, A Day of Publick Fasting with Prayer, to be Observed throughout this Province, Humbly to Implore the Divine Mercy, for the Preservation of Her Majesties Sacred Person, That Her just Armes with those of her Allies may be prosperous in the Actions of this present Year; That the Forces in this Province Employed in Her Majesties Service, may by the good Conduct of Heaven, be Succeeded in their just Enterprizes, and our Enemies Defeated; That the Defence of Divine Protection may be over our Sea Coast and Inland Frontiers; That our Seed-time and Harvest, may be under benign Influences of Heaven; That there may be a plentiful Effusion of the Holy Spirit of GOD, for a thorough Reformation of all those Evils which are amongst us, That so GOD may turn away His Anger, and Restore unto us a prosperous State: And that the Protestant Interest may every where prevail throughout the World. Exhorting both Ministers and People in their respective Assemblies Religiously to perform the Duties required on such a Day, with a becoming Devotion; And all Servile Labour is forbidden thereupon.

Given at Boston the 27th. Day of April 1704. In the Third Year of Her Majesties Reign.

By Order of His Excellency and Council,

*J. DUDLEY.*

**Issac Addington** Secr.

GOD Save the Queen.

*Piscataqua*, April 29. By<sup>7</sup> Letters thence, acquainted, That on Fryday the 28th. four Indians Seized a Servant Maid of Richard

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<sup>6</sup> Reprinted from the News-Letter in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 347.

<sup>7</sup> Written on the margin of the copy in the file of the Massachusetts Historical Society: "This was a story invented by the Girl to conceal her staying too long at the Spring with a young man."

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*Waldron's* Esq. at *Cocheco*, who went about 150 yards from the Garrison to a Spring, for a Jugg of Water, about half an hour after Sun down: Supposed to be the same *Indians* that did the Mischief mentioned in my last, upon *Nathanael Meader*, and *Edward Taylor*: They askt her many Questions; *Viz.* Whither there was not a *French* Shallop put on Shoar in *New-England* in a Storm? And what was become of the Frenchmen? Whither or not we had any Forces going out against the French? What number of Souldiers was in the Garrison? What Mr. *Waldron* had been doing in his Field all day? What he designed to do with that new Timber hal'd to the side of his House? They told her that they had lyen near his House all that day, and a Week before to wait to Catch him, whom they saw to pass over his Boom towards Capt. *Geerishes* two Hours, by Sun-set; and that they might take him on his return, they had crept down to the foot of the Boom, as near as possible: at which time the Maid came along, and were forced to take her, otherwise they must have been discovered: They told her also that they had been so near him in the Field, that one of them had Cock'd his Gun at him, and going to discharge, another perswaded him to forbear, he would presently have a better Shot at him: They likewise told her 'twas never the near for him to build his New Fortifications round his House, for they would certainly take him, and that 'twere in Vain for him to Plant his New Orchard in his Field, for he should neither eat the Apples, nor drink the Cyder, for that they would have him by & by, and roast him, and she should see it. In the Interim Mr *Waldron* coming over the Boom; the Watchman on the Top of his House, not knowing who it was, call'd out, *Stand*; which the *Indians* hearing, being frightened, ran all away, one stept back and with the head of his Hatchet, knock't the Girl down, and left her for Dead, who lay in the Spot two Hours, till being found wanting, was enquir'd after and search'd for at the Spring, where She was found, a little come to her self; hope She may do well, for her Skull is not broke. Thus Mr. *Waldron* narrowly escap'd.

*Jamacia*, by Letters *Via New-York* of *March* last, acquainted, that the Sea-horse Man of War, took 3 French Prizes, one belonging to *Peteguaves*; one of them got so near the Shore, and the man of War in pursuit of her is run on Shore upon the back side of *Jamacia*, and is lost.

*Boston*, Arrived this Week from *Barbados*, about a Months passage, Capt. *Alden*, *Green*, *Bennet*, *Foster*, *Barns*, and *Hobbs*, but bring no News, & *Everton* came out in Company, not yet Arrived, as also *Gurley* for *Marblehead*, and *Perkins* for *Cape Ann*. Arrived also Mr. *Montveil* in a Sloop from *N. York*, & Capt. *Shute* at *Ply-*

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*mouth*, from *Saltitudo*, having lost his Mast in a Storm & necessitated to thro' overboard part of his Loading.

Outward Bound, *Judah Thacher* for *Jamacia*, and *Carteret Gillam* for *Rhode-Island*.

*New-York, May 1.* Yesterday Arrived a Sloop in 7 days from *Virginia*, by whom advised, that the Fleet will not Sail till the last Instant, or first of *June*; and that 2 Men of War are daily expected there from *Lisbon* to Strengthen the Convoy. Capt. *Davison* in the *Eagle Gally* hopes to Sail with them, he purposes from hence about 25 of this Month. Capt. *Burges* and *Davis* Sail'd last Week for *Virginia*, to joyn the Convoy home, and Capt. *Potter* designs also next Week. A Ship of 350 or 400 Tuns, Capt. *Harrison* Commander, was lately burnt in *Virginia* having on board 460 Hogsheads, 'tis said the Gunner went Drunk to Bed, and left a Candle burning in his Cabin, by which the Ship was fired & he and 2 or 3 were burnt in her.

**Advertisements.**

**S**tollen the 4 instant in the Morning out of the house of James *Cooper*, near Charlestown Ferry in Boston, several sorts of mens Apparel, both Woollen & Linnen, by an Irish man, speaks bad English; he is a young man about 22 years of Age, low Stature, dark coloured hair, round visage, fresh coloured: he ript a small stript Ticking-bolster, and put some of the Goods in that he carryed away. Whoever discovers said Person, or Goods Stollen, so as both be secured, shall have sufficient reward at the place aforesaid.

**A**t Oysterbay on *Long-Island* in the Province of *N. York*, There is a very good Fulling-Mill, to be Let or Sold, as also a Plantation, having on it a large new Brick house, and another good house by it for a Kitchin, & work house, with a Barn, Stable, &c. a young Orchard and 20 Acres clear Land. The Mill is to be Let with or without the Plantation: Enquire of Mr. *William Bradford* Printer in *N. York*, and know further.

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Week by the Year, upon reasonable terms, agreeing with John Campbell, Post-master for the same

[Reprinted: Lost, Two Iron Anvils, &c. as in May 1.]

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[A HALF sheet folio. The first page and part of the second, as that of May 8, occupied by foreign news. Under date of Westminster, November 11, 1703, are given the address of the House of Commons to the queen, and her majesty's answer; the queen's congratulatory letter to the king of Spain, and his answer; advices from Rome and Italy regarding the Pope's "partiality to the Spanish successor," and other matters. Then follow the domestic news paragraphs.]

*Piscataqua May 6.* Letters thence say no certain Intelligence of any Indians seen at Mr. Waldron's since last Week, only some were trackt about three miles above, *Nitchewanock*, in a Swamp where were Cranberries, and 'tis believ'd they saw our Scouts, and narrowly escap'd them; the tracks seeming very new. They are making what preparations they can to fortifie the place, in case of any Attack by the French and Indians.

Mr. Shortridge in a Ketch bound for Tersera touches at *Fyall*; several others for *Barbadoes* and the *Leward Islands*.

By His Excy. JOSEPH DUDLEY Esq. Capt. General and Gov. in Chief of the Province of *Mass. Bay*.

## A PROCLAMATION

ALL Mariners, Seamen & others, That shall voluntarily enter themselves on board Her Majesties Ship *Jersey*, Capt. *George Rogers* Commander, on Her Majesties Service in the present Expedition, against Her Majesties Enemies, shall be kindly received & well treated during their being aboard, & be paid for their Service on Land: And within the space of Six Weeks or less, be returned again to *Boston*, Set on Shoar and be dismiss'd the Service. And the like Encouragement is hereby offered for any to enter on board Her Majesties Ship *Gosport*, Capt. *Thomas Smith* Commander. *Given under my hand at Boston the 12. day of May, In the Third year of Her Majestees Reign, Anno. Dom. 1704.* J. DUDLEY.

*Boston, Arrived this Week, Joseph Everton & Isaac Perkins from*

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Barbados; *Ventiman* from *Jamacia*; and our private Man of War-Sloop came over *Nantucket* Sholes with about 16. Sail of Coasters, of which *Lathrop* from *Gilford*, *Loring* from *Saybrook*, *Mansfield* from *New-Haven*, *Harris* from *New-London*, *Curtise* from *Hartford*, with several others. *Kingsbury* and *Seargent* from *New-Castle*. Outward bound *Judah Thacher* and *Joseph Vial* for *Jamacia*, *John Scot*, *William Rouse*, *Samuel Winkle* and *Samuel Sherburn* for *Barbados*. *Tobias Green* for *Newfoundland*. *Timothy Purbank* for *Virginia*. *Benj. Thaxter* for the *West-Indies*, *Richard Smith* for *Antigua*. *John Monveil* for *N. York*, *David Mason* and *John Vincent* for *London*: And cleared out this Week, *Mountford* for *North Carolina*, *Cary*, for *Mounseratt*, *Price* for *Newfoundland*: Coasters, *Prince* for *Fairfield*, *Grover* for *Rhode-Island*.

We have hitherto had a very unseasonable backward Spring, this fort-night past great Rains, and Cold Easterly winds, which looks upon us with a black aspect.

On the 15. instant, His Excellency intends to take Journey for his Government of *New-Hampshire*.

*Albany*, By a Letter to His Excellency Governoour *DUDLE Y* the 12. Currant. acquainted, That the Enemy French & Indians, who did the mischief last Winter upon *Dearfield*, were got safe home to *Canada* with their Prisoners; And that notwithstanding the negligence of our People, they do acknowledge to have lost Two of their principal French Officers, and 50 French & Indians in the action.<sup>8</sup>

*New-London*, May 11. *Edward Patty* in the *Adventure* is beginning to load for *London*, and will Sail in about three weeks.

*Rhode-Island*, May 12. Arrived here a Brigantine on the 10 belonging to *Salem* from *Barbadoes*. Captain *Whiteborn* for *London* waits for men, intends to Sail in ten days. *Gross* and *Bernon* ready to Sail, one for *Barbadoes*, the other for *Curraso*.

*New-York*, May 8. On the 3d. Arrived here a Sloop from *St. Thomas*, in whom Mr. *John Vryling*, who Sail'd the 23<sup>d</sup>. *Decemb.* last from *Boston*, in the Ship *St Jacob* and *Philip*, of whom was Owner and Merchant, *Charles Farnam* Master bound for *Barbadoes*, & on the Sabbath following, lost her Mane and Misin Mast in a Storm, taken in sight of *Barbadoes*, and carried into *Martinico*, and says that 7 Weeks ago was a Prisoner at *Martinico*, that the Governoour permitted him to go in a French Sloop bound for *St. Thomas*, That the French have taken 130 odd Vessels this War into *Martinico*, and when he left it there was 17 Privateers out. The Ships lately taken

<sup>8</sup> Reprinted from the *News-Letter* in *Notes in The Acts and Resolves* of the *Province of the Massachusetts Bay*: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 351.

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and carried thither are, the Venetian Merchant, Captains, Alexander, the Ship Virgin, John Sherwood, Brintania William Bartrum, Darvar of Bidiford, Richard Barton of Liverpool, Henry Punsunby of Dublin, John Reading of Barbadoes, belonging to Boston, Twisden a Brigantine, Chadwel another, Farnam a Ship, Andrews, Porter a Sloop. Nicholas Bradock, and Crute of Philadelphia, Peylton of Bermuda, Johnson of Maryland, a Sloop Penley Master, Stephens a Ship of Boston taken into Guardiloop, after Mr. Vryling had been 14 days at St Thomas, had advice from Martinico, 5 Brigantines carried in thither, on Board of one of which was Major Wheeler of Barbadoes & several other Passengers, but what Ports bound to, or to whom the Brigantines belong'd heard not. The Ship Princess Anne bound from Barbadoes to London, being Leaky put into St Thomas, there condemn'd as insufficient to go to Sea; Yesterday from Albany by information from our Indians acquainted, that the *French of Canada* are sending out 300 men to attack some parts of *N. England*. We have very rainy, dirty, & cold Weather for the Season, and so continues. We hear the Virginia Fleet Sails the last of this Month: Captain Davison hopes to Sail this Month: The Wind & Weather hinders our Pensilvania Post coming in.

Advertisements.

**T**HIS News-Letter to be continued Weekly, all persons who have any Advertisements to insert, agreeing with Mr. *John Campbell* Postmaster, may have it done for twelve-pence to five shillings, not to exceed.

All Persons in Town & Country [&c. as in May 8].

[Reprinted: at Oyster Bay, fulling mill to be let, as in May 8.]

**N. E.**

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** May 15. to **Monday** May 22. 1704.

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[**A** HALF sheet folio. On the first page, foreign intelligence, comprising, under date of Westminster, Novemb. 12, 1703, the address of the lords to the queen, and the queen's answer; and advices dated Lisbon, March 27, respecting the reception by the king of Portugal of the fleet from England with the king of Spain on board. Domestic news also occupies a considerable part of this page and fills the entire second page. The imprint of this number is that which was on the issue May 1: "**Boston:** Printed by *B. Green.* Sold at the Post-Office, 1704."]

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*Piscataqua, May, 13.* Letters thence acquaint us of some more damage, done by the Sculking Adversary, on the 11. instant *Nicholas Cole of Wells*, with *Nicholas Hogden, Thomas Dane and Benjamin Gough*, Souldiers, went about a Mile from Capt. *Wheelwright's* Garrison to Look after his Cattle, and on their return were Attack't by 12. Indians, who kill'd said *Cole* and *Hogden*, took *Dane* Captive, *Gough* escaping, advised Capt. *Hales* of it, who immediately called his Souldiers together; but the Enemy were fled.

Her Majesties Council by His Excy. direction hath appointed Thursday the 18. instant a day of Publick Fasting with Prayer, being the same day appointed by His Excy. & Council in the Province of *Mass. Bay* and for said ends contained in said Proclamation.

Arrived here *John Holicom* from *Antigua*. *Richard Shortridge* for *Fyall* wind-bound. Outward-bound, Capt. *Alcock* for *Barbadoes* ready to Sail, *John Frost* for said Port in Ten days, and *Robert Emery* in about 3 weeks, and *Richard Waterhouse* for St. Christophers in a Week.

*Northampton, May 13.* A Company of Indians and French, be-tween day break and Sun-rising, about 60 Set upon a Garrison-house of *Benj. Jones's*, about two Miles from the body of the Town, and set fire to it ere they were aware of it; Kill'd and carryed Captive about 30. Persons. The Town being Alarmed, pursued them, the Enemy finding it, scattered themselves into parties; and so did the English into Ten in a Company, pursuing them; Capt. *Taylor* was kill'd in the pursuit.<sup>9</sup>

*Boston, May, 15.* This day an Embargo was laid on all outward Bound Ships. The 16. dyed the Rd. Mr. *William Corbin*. On the 11. Currant Arrived Mr. *Jacob Fowle* of *Marblehead*, at *Stonington*, in a small Sloop, about 22. days from *Curaso*: he was lately an Apprentice to Mr. *Bulfinch* Sail-maker of *Boston*; went out some 12 Months ago, in one *Reddington* from *Rhode-Island* for *Curaso*, in order to go a Privateering, when they came there; the Governour broke their measures, the men Shipt themselves some one way and some another, his Lot was to go on board a Dutch man, bound for to trade with the Spaniards, in a Ketch of 10. Guns, A Spaniard met them, kill'd the Dutch Lieutenant. The Master, Merchant and others upon it jumpt into the hole, before the Spaniard so much as boarded them; and if they had fought needed not have been taken. When they were carried into New-Spain, where he was about 9 Months, all the men were sent to the Mines, he being Sick was spared: and when somewhat recovered, the Governour of the place, wanting a

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<sup>9</sup> Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 489. See News-Letter No. 8.

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Sute of Sails to be made for a Sloop, hearing he was a Sail-maker, put him to make them; for which [he] had a very small reward, a bit of Meat the breadth of a mans Finger, and a little Cassadar bread, his chief Diet while in N. Spain was Oysters. A Trader being bound along the Coast wanted a hand, came to the Gouverour to desire the English man, and promised to return him again, when he came back; 'twas granted: So Mr. *Fowle* went along with him, and coming into a certain Port where a French man of War lay; he went on board, & met another English man, to whom, he said, that if he would go along with him, he would come for him in the Night, & would carry him off, 'twas agreed, the other should be in the Lyon in the head, & he should come with his Canoo, and take him in; and they two should knock the Spaniards of the Barque alongo in the head, and come away with her, and accordingly he took the Canoo in the night, when the Spaniard was asleep, and put in her two Guns, two Cutlasses and 2 Pistols, took the Ancient for a Sayl and Sails to the Man of War; The Watch on Board was too quick sighted for him, espied 'em, and was forced to paddle back again with all his might, put the Ancient in his place: The Spaniards still asleep knew nothing of it. In some short time afterwards, the Spaniards going all ashore leaving him & a *Spanish Indian* on board, he stept & unloos'd the Sails of the Barque-alongo, told the Indian if he would go along with him might go & should fare well, he said still no, no, & went to take up a Handspoke to knock out Mr. *Fowle's* brains, in the interim Mr. *Fowle* tript up his heels, & threw him Over-board, and put to Sea; the Spaniards on Shoar Man'd their Canoo to overtake him, came up with him: The Boatswain first put his hand upon the Barque alongo, & Mr. *Fowle* stab'd him and he fell backwards, the Captain seeing that, said, put off; The Fort Fired several shot at him, some whereof came thro' his Sayls; They also Man'd a Parriagar after him, & pursued him about 8 hours till midnight; but having a fair wind, in about two dayes got safe in to *Curraso* about 70 Leagues distant from the Port in *New-Spain* he came from, having on Board about 19000 of Cocoa: The Lieut. Gov. of *Curraso* forgave him the Custom of it, saying he well deserved it. He Sold his Vessel & Cargo there: And bought the Sloop in which he came home in; he met with a violent Storm the 4 instant. He says that of late the Spaniards kill all the *English* they take, but saves the *Dutch* alive. *Zachariah Hill* of *Boston* in a Sloop of Mr. *Lillys* being bound to *Jamaica*, fell in with 7 *French* Men of War, and was taken. Mr. *Fowle* spoke with his Mate at *Curraso*.

Entered Inwards *Th. Higbe, John Finch, Wil. Tiller* and *Dirick Adolph* from *N. York*, *Plumbe* from *N. London*, *Lewis* from *Saybrook*, *Bracket* and *Gardiner* from *Piscataqua*, *Cap. Shute* from *Saltitudes*, *Pickman* and *Elson* from *Lisborn*.

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Outward-bound, *Ezekiel Cravat*, and *John Ventiman* for *Jamaica*, *Smith* for *Moniserat*, *John Foster* for *Barbados*. Cleared Outwards, *Coasters*, *Kingsbury* and *Flood* for *Piscataqua*. Arrived at *Marble-head*, Capt. *Quelch* in the *Brigantine* that Capt. *Plowman* went out in, are said to come from *New-Spain* & have made a good Voyage.<sup>10</sup>

*Rhode-Island* May 18. Yesterday Arrived a Sloop from *Suranam*, 5 Weeks Passage, *Robert Stanton* Master, in whom came a Passenger, who says, That just ere they came out, a Vessel Arrived directly from *Holland*, who gave the Account of 54 Privateers fitted out of *Middleborough* and *Flusing*, of 30 Guns the least, and 200 Men each. They are not only to Cruise in the Channel, but to distribute themselves all over the *West-Indies*; there had like to have been in *Zealand* a Civil War about their going out, but at last it was agreed to, and the Commissions granted in one day. No more Trade said to be allow'd from those Ports, and what are liable to be Seized.

Arrived here this Day the Sloop *Mary*, *Hugh Coward* Master, from *New-York*, Burthen'd about 40 Tuns, designs if possible to Load hence for *London*: Capt. *Fyfield* will be ready to Sail for *Antigua* the latter end of this Week, Capt. *Whitehorn* by the latter end of next for *London*, *Via Virginia* with the Convoy.

*New-London*, May 18. The Adventure *Brigantine* for *London*, Sayles the latter end of next week, the Master *Patty* being dead the Owners designs *Samuel Chester* Master, and to go with the *Virginia* Fleet. Mr. *Shaply* is preparing to go to *Barbadoes*.

*New-York*, May 15. Capt. *Davison* designs to Sail for *London* the latter end of this Month, *Via Virginia*, if the Fleet be not gone, the last Storm put our *Pensilvania* Post a week behind, and is not yet com'd in.

*Philadelphia*, May 4. On the second Arrived *Stephen Codman* from *Boston*, *Gravenrad* from *New-York*, *Almary* a Sloop from *Rhode-Island*: and yesterday Sailed *Hicks* in a Sloop for *Rhode-Island*, a *Brigantine* is Loading for *England*, to sail with the *Virginia* Convoy.

**Advertisements.**

**C**aptain *Peter Lawrence* is going a Privateering from *Rhode-Island*, in a good Sloop, about 60 Tuns, six Guns, and 90 Men for *Canada*, and any Gentlemen or Sailors that are disposed to go shall be kindly entertained.

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<sup>10</sup> Captain *John Quelch*, "the Pirate." See News-Letter Nos. 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 (1705) post. See foot-note 48, News-Letter No. 14 post, pointing to a detailed account of the "Quelch affair" based on the News-Letter reports.

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**T**HIS News-Letter is to be continued Weekly; and all Persons who have any Houses, Lands, Tenements, Farms, Ships, Vessels, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, &c. to be Sold or Let; or Servants Run-away, or Goods Stole or Lost; may have the same inserted at a Reasonable Rate, from *Twelve Pence* to *Five Shillings*, and not to exceed: Who may agree with *John Campbel* Post-master of Boston.

All Persons in Town and Country, may have said News-Letter every Week, Yearly, upon reasonable terms, agreeing with *John Campbel*, Post-master for the same.

**M. E.**

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[**F**OREIGN matter fills the large part of the first page: comprising, under date *London, November 26, 1703*, "Advice from Turin," and an account of "the most violent Storm of Wind, being W. S. W. that ever was known in England . . . blowing down a multitude of Chimnies, Houses and tops of Houses, whereby a great many People were kill'd in their beds, and several wounded." The domestic news includes a proclamation by the lieutenant-governor for the apprehension of the pirate *John Quelch* and his band, and reports concerning their movements.]

By the Honourable **Thomas Povey** Esq. Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief, for the time being, of Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

### A PROCLAMATION<sup>11</sup>

**W**Hereas \**John Quelch*, late Commander of the Briganteen *Charles* and Company to her belonging, Viz. \**John Lambert*, \**John Miller*, \**John Clifford*, \**John Dorothy*, \**James Parrot*, *Charles James*, *William Whiting*, *John Pitman*, *John Templeton*, *Benjamin Perkins*, \**William Wiles*, *Richard Lawrence*, *Erasmus Peterson*, *John King*, *Charles King*, *Isaac Johnson*, *Nicholas Lawson*, *Daniel Chevalle*, *John Way*, *Thomas Farrington*, *Matthew Primer*, *Anthony Holding*, *William Rayner*, *John Quittance*, *John Harwood*, *William Jones*, *Denis Carter*, *Nicholas Richardson*, *James Austin*, *James Pattison*.

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11 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . Vol. VIII, p. 388. See News-Letter Nos. 5 *ante*, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

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*Joseph Hutnot, George Peirse, George Norton, Gabriel Davis, John Breck, John Carter, Paul Giddens, Nicholas Dunbar, Richard Thurbar, Daniel Chuley and others; Have lately Imported a considerable Quantity of Gold dust, and some Bar and Coin'd Gold, which they are Violently Suspected to have gotten & obtained by Felony and Piracy, from some of Her Majesties Friends and Allies, and have Imported and Shared the same among themselves, without any Adjudication or Condemnation thereof, to be lawful Prize. The said Commander and some others being apprehended and in Custody, the rest are absconded and fled from Justice.*

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, strictly to Command and Require all Officers Civil and Military, and other Her Majesties Loving Subjects, to Apprehend and Seize the said Persons, or any of them, whom they may know or find, and them secure and their Treasure, and bring them before one of the Council, or next Justice of the Peace, in order to their being safely Conveyed to *Boston*, to be Examined and brought to Answer what shall be Objected against them, on Her Majesties behalf.

And all Her Majesties Subjects, and others, are hereby strictly forbidden to entertain, harbour or conceal any of the said Persons, or their Treasure; Or to convey away, or in any manner further the Escape of any of them, on pain of being proceeded against with utmost Severity of Law, as accessaries and partakers with them in their Crime.

*Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, the 24th. Day of May:  
In the Third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady ANNE,  
by the Grace of GOD of England, Scotland, France & Ireland,  
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domi. 1704.*

*By Order of the Lieut.*

*T. POVEY.*

*Governour & Council,*

**Isaac Addington, Secr.**

**GOD Save the QUEEN.**

*St. Christophers, May 2d. Arrived a small Boat with 4 English men that made their escape from *Martinico*, who related that the French there were very scarce of Provisions; whereupon the Governour had released all the Prisoners, and had ordered two Vessels to carry them off: but in the interim Two French Privateers met with two *Bristol* men loaden with Provisions from *Ireland*, one of which being of some Force sunk one of the Privateers; the other having taken 'tother *Bristol* man, and seeing his confederate sunk, took up most of his men, and also took the Second and carryed both in to *Martinico*; upon which the Governour clapt up all the Prisoners*

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again. They also said the French had taken one *Pease* of *Rhode-Island*, who stoutly resisted the Privateer, kill'd one of them, and wounded several; however being too strong for him, they boarded him, & he cry'd quarter, yet notwithstanding because of his Noble courage they barbarously kill'd him. They also report one *Shute* to be taken. There was 12 Merchant men Arrived at St. *Christophers*, and 3 men of War from *England* bound for *Jamiaca*. A French Privateer came under the Fort at St. *Christophers* and took a Sloop call'd the *N. London*, and the Sheerness Gally immediately went out after him and retook the Sloop, and took the Privateer.

From St. *Thomas*, acquainted that a Dutch Merchant-man of about 22 Guns, loaden with 500 Pipes of *Madera*, bound to *Curaso*, put in to *Tabago*, a French Privateer of about equal Guns, 200 men met him, made a stout resistance, kill'd the Privateer 40 men besides those wounded; at last the French man overcame, and sent him in to *Martinico*, he himself being so disabled, was forced to put in to St. *Thomas's* to Carreen.

*Piscataqua*, May 26. His Excellency hath Prorogued the Assembly until July: He sets out this morning towards *Boston*.

*New York*, May 22. Capt. *Davison*, Sails next Monday for *Virginia*, and if the Fleet be gone he designs to follow them.

*Boston*, May 27. Our last gave an Account of Capt. *Quelch's* being said to Arrive from *N. Spain*, having made a good Voyage; but by the foregoing Proclamation 'tis uncertain whence they came, and too palpably evident they have committed Piracies, either upon her Majesties Subjects or Allies. The Names of so many of the Pirates as are in Prison & Irons in *Boston*, have a \* just before their Names: *William Whiting* lyes Sick like to dy not yet examin'd. There are two more of them Sick at *Marblehead*, and another in *Salem* Goal: and *James Austin* Imprisoned at *Piscataqua*.<sup>12</sup> Arrived here yesterday two Sloops, *Waters* from *Madera's* 7 weeks Passage, and *Fortune Reddock* from St. *Christophers* in 22 days. His Excellency came Home this day from his Government of *New-Hampshire*.

*Annapolis*, May 8. Via *Philadelphia* May 16. By Capt. *Evans*, in a Ship from *Bristol* lately arrived in *Virginia*, acquainted, that the Fleet for *England* was to stay till the last of this Month. [A number of items of foreign news brought by this ship follow.]

*Rhode-Island* May 26. Five of *Quelch's* Men bought a small deck'd Boat, and on *Thursday* morning last they Sail'd, and 'tis said, they designed to go for *Long-Island*; The Express from *Boston*

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<sup>12</sup> See News-Letter Nos. 5 *ante*, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, (1704), 63, 66 *post*.  
See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

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to secure them coming in that night. His Honour Gov. *Cransten* Esq. Issued forth Warrants to seize and search for them, whereupon one of said Crew was Apprehended, and sent from Constable to Constable, in order to be sent to *Boston*.<sup>13</sup>

*Jamaica, Feb. 7. Via Philadelphia, Piemento, Gov. of Carthageen* hath not embraced *Philip* the 5th, & would not suffer either *French* Officers, Souldiers, or Merchant Traders, into the City since the War, but rejected those sent from *St Domingo*: He was last War a Brigadier in *Flanders*, esteemed to be a great Souldier: Both Gov. *Selvin*, and our present Gov. spoke very honourably of him rendred himself a person having a great honour for our Nation, lodg'd his Cash with our Merchants here to remit to *England*, where he has a bank, as also in *Holland*.

#### Advertisements.

[Reprinted: the News-Letter advertisement, as in May 22.]

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[THE first page in part occupied, under date London November 30, 1703, by "A List of Her Majesties Ships cast away in the Late Storm, with an Account of the Number of Men Lost," and report of the action of the house of commons thereon. The remainder of the space in this number is given wholly to domestic news, which includes a proclamation by the governor relative to Quelch and company; the list of members of the council and of the house of representatives chosen for the ensuing year; and the speech of Governor Dudley at the opening of the General Court.]

By His Excellency, *Joseph Dudley* Esq. Captain General and Governor in Chief, in & over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay & New-Hampshire* in *New-England* in *America*.

#### A PROCLAMATION.<sup>14</sup>

WHEREAS during my late absence from the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, for Her Majesties Service in the other part of my Government, *viz.* the said Province of *New-Hampshire*; The Honorable

<sup>13</sup> See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6 *ante*, 9, 10, 11, 14, (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

<sup>14</sup> Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* . . . Vol. VIII, p. 389. See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6 *ante*, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

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*Thomas Povey Esq. Lieutenant Goverour, with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, Emittted a Proclamation for the Seizing & Securing of John Quelch, late Commander of the Briganteen Charles, & Company, Viz. John Lambert, John Miller, John Clifford, John Dorothy, James Parrot, Charles James, William Whiting, John Pitman, John Templeton, Benjamin Perkins, William Wilde, Richard Lawrance, Erasmus Peterson, John King, Charles King, Isaac Johnson, Nicholas Lawson, Daniel Chevalle, John Way, Thomas Farrington, Matthew Pimer, Anthony Holding, William Rayner, John Quittance, John Harwood, William Jones, Denis Carter, Nicholas Richardson, James Austin, James Patterson, Joseph Hutnot, George Peirse, George Norton, Gabriel Davis, John Breck, John Carter, Paul Giddins, Nicholas Dunbar, Richard Thurbar, Daniel Chuley, Christopher Scudamore, and others, them violently Suspected of Felony and Piracy, committed upon some of Her Majesties Friends and Allies.*

And it being now made Evident by the Confession of some of the said Persons apprehended and Examined, That the Gold & Treasure by them Imported, was rob'd and taken from the Subjects of the Crown of *Portugal*, on whom they have also acted divers Villanous Murders.

I Have thought fit, by & with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to issue forth this further Proclamation, hereby strictly Commanding & Requiring all Officers Civil & Military, & other Her Majesties Loving Subjects, to Apprehend & Seize the said Pirates, or any of them: (The Commander *Quelch, Lambert, Wilde, Dorothy, Clifford, Parrot, Miller, Whiting, Richardson, & Austin*, being already in Custody) whom they may know or find, with their Treasure, and to secure the same, and bring them before one of the Council, or next Justice of the Peace, in order to their being safely Conveyed to *Boston*, to be Examined & brought to Answer what shall be Objected against them, on Her Majesties behalf. And whosoever shall discover & Seize any of the said Pirates or Treasure concealed, and deliver them to Justice, shall be well Rewarded for their pains.

And all Her Majesties Subjects & others are hereby strictly forbidden to entertain, harbour or conceal any of the said Pirates or their Treasure; Or to convey away, or in any manner to further the Escape of any of them; On pain of being Proceeded against with utmost Severity of Law, as Accessaries & partakers with them in their Crimes: And any who conceal or have in their custody any of the said Treasure, & shall not disclose & make known the same unto some one or more of the Council, with an Accompt of the Quantity & Species, & render the same unto the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, within the space of Twenty Days next after the

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Publication hereof at *Boston*, shall be alike proceeded against. And the Sheriffs are required immediately to Publish this Proclamation in the most principal Towns in their County, and Post up the same, and cause it to be Posted up in all other Towns.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the *Twenty-ninth* Day of *May*, 1704. In the *Third* Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *ANNE* by the Grace of *GOD*, of *Engiland, Scotland, France and Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. *J. DUDLEY*

By Order of the Governour and Council,  
*Isaac Addington, Secr.*

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Besides these mentioned in Custody already, there is also *Christopher Scudamore, Rich. Lawrance, & Matt. Pimer.*

*Boston, May 31, 1704. The Members of Her Majesties Council  
for the Ensuing Year, Viz.* <sup>15</sup>

*Wait Winthrop Esq. James Russel Esq. John Hathorne Esq. Elisha Hutchinson Esq. Samuel Sewall Esq. Isaac Addington Esq. William Brown Esq. John Phillips Esq. Jonathan Corwin Esq. John Foster Esq. Penn Townsend Esq. John Higginson Esq. Samuel Pattridge Esq. Andrew Belcher Esq. Samuel Legg Esq. Edward Bromfield Esq. Ephraim Hunt Esq. Samuel Appleton Esq. John Walley Esq. John Thacher Esq. Isaac Winslow Esq. Nathanael Payne Esq. Eliakam Hutchinson Esq. Joseph Hammond Esq. Benjamin Brown Esq. Joseph Lynde Esq.*

*The Members of the House of Representatives for the several Towns,  
are as follows. And those that have this Mark † are new ones.* <sup>15</sup>

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15 Printed, revised, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . Vol. VIII, pp. 61-63. In the list of members of the council are these changes in the Province Laws print: Russell for Russel; Browne for Brown in both cases; Nathaniel Paine for Nathanael Payne; and Eliakim for Eliakam Hutchinson. In the list of representatives, the following: Dorchester, Hopestill for Hopestil Clap; Braintree, Lieut. Baxter instead of Mr.; Salem, Major Browne instead of Browne Esq.; Wolcott for Wolcot; Ipswich, Jewett for Jewet; Newbury, Deacon Noyes instead of Mr.; Lynn, Burrill for Burri; Marblehead, Brattle for Bratle; Beverly, Woodberry for Woodberry; Wenham, Deacon Fiske, for Mr.; Topsfield, blank filled: Sergeant John Hovey, Sergeant Daniel Redington; Gloucester, Ensign Coit instead of Mr.; Boxford, Symonds for Simons; Amesbury, Foott for Foot; Cambridge, Mr. Oliver instead of Capt.; Watertown, John for Jos. Sherman; Sudbury, Balcom for Balcam; Marlborough, Capt. Howe instead of Mr. How; Concord, Wheller for Wheeler; Bilerica, Richeson for Richardson; Woburn, Major Converse instead of Converse Esq.; Reading, Sweene for Swain; Malden, Willson for Wilson; Dracut, Varnam for Varnum; Plymouth, Capt. Warren instead of Warren Esq.; Bridgewater, David for Daniel Perkins; Duxbury, Josiah for Joshua Holmes; Yarmouth, Capt. Samuel Howes for Mr. Sam Hows; Springfield, blank filled: Deacon John Hitchcock; Bristol, Simeon for Simon Davis; Rehoboth, blank filled: Mr. Enoch Hunt, Mr. Benjamin Allen; Swanzey, Perce for Pierce; Dartmouth, Samson for Sampson; Kittery, Ensign Leighton for Mr. Layton.

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*Boston, Mr. Tho. Oakes, Capt. Sam. Checkley, Capt. Eph. Savage, Mr. Elizr. Holyoke. Roxbury, Mr. Wil. Denison. Dorchester, Mr. Hopestil Clap. Milton, Capt. Tho. Vose. Braintrey, Mr. John Baxter. Weymouth, Capt. Steph. French. Dedham, Capt. Dan. Fisher. Medfield, †Mr. John Metcalfe, Hingham, Mr. Theoph. Cushing. Woodstock, †Mr. Philip Eastman. Salem, †Sam. Brown, Esq. †Josiah Wolcot, Esq. Ipswich, Mr. Nehem. Jewet, †Capt. Wil. Goodhue. Newbury, †Mr. Cutting Noyes. Lynn, †John Burril, Esq. Marblehead, †Capt. Edw. Bratle. Beaverley, Mr. Isaac Woodberry. Wenham, †Mr. William Fiske. Topsfield, [blank]. Gloucester, †Mr. Nath. Coit. Boxford, †Mr. Sam. Simons. Rowley, †Mr. John Dresser. Salisbury, †Mr. Rich. Hubbard. Amsbury, †Mr. John Foot. Andover, †Mr. John Chandler. Haverhill, †Mr. Sam. Watts. Charlestow, Cap. Sam. Phipps. Cambridge, Capt. Tho. Oliver. Newton, †Mr. John Spring. Watertown, Mr. Jos. Sherman. Sudbury, Mr. John Balcam. Marlborough, †Mr. Tho. How. Concord, Mr. John Wheeler. Chelmsford, Capt. Jer. Bowers. Billerica, Mr. Tho. Richardson. Wobourn, Jam. Converse, Esq. Speaker. Reading, †Major Jer. Swain. Malden, Capt. Jos. Wilson. Sherbourn, †Mr. Wil. Rider. Dracut, †Mr. Jos. Varnum. Plimouth †Ja. Warren, Esqr. Scituate, Mr. Sam. Clap. Marshfield, Mr. Sam. Sprague. Bridge-water, †Mr. Daniel Perkins Duxbury, †Mr. Joshua Holmes. Barnstable, †Mr. Samuel Hinckley. Sandwich, †Mr. Sam. Prince. Yarmouth, †Mr. Sam. Hows. Eastham, Mr. Sam. Knowles. Springfield, [blank]. Northampton, †Captain Preserved Clap. Hadley, †Mr. Dan. Marsh. Bristol, †Captain Simon Davis. Rehoboth, [blank]. Swansey, Mr. Ephraim Pierce. Taunton, †Capt. Hen. Hodges. Dartmouth, Mr. Ja. Sampson. Little-compton, †Jos. Church, Esq. York, †Cap. Lewis Bane. Kittery, †Mr. John Layton. Nantucket, †Ja. Coffin Esq.*

*His Excellency, Joseph Dudley Esqr. Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Her Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New-England, &c. His Speech to the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Court Assembled at Boston, June 1, 1704.*

*Gentlemen,*

*I* Had the Advice of the last Assembly for an Expedition to the Eastward, to consist of Six hundred men, who accordingly Sailed from Piscataqua, about ten days since well Equipt, assisted with two of Her Majesties Ships, the Jersey, and the Gosport, & the Province-Gally. I have directed the Commander in Chief, to give me a Weekly Intelligence from the Forces by a Scout Shallop, which I shall always acquaint you with.

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The Frontiers of the Province are reduced to strict Garrisons, and covered with 300 & fifty men, who meet every day in small parties from the two extremes, *Woodstock & Wells*. And if it were possible for me by any means to bring the Queens good Subjects in the several parts, to do their duty in Watching & Scouting, I have no doubt we might be in a great measure safe from the incursions of the barbarous Rebels.

The Advice from the Enemy on the Western Parts of the Province, give notice of their approach & settlement upon *Connecticut* River, who must if possible be dislodged, & I believe the Government of *Connecticut* will joyn a pro[per] force with some of ours for that end.

I am very sensible, the Charge of the Province is very great to support these Services, but the Assembly at all times (I thank them) have agreed the necessity, & have chearfully granted the necessary Charge.

I hope we shall never fall below the courage & resolution of *Englishmen*, to support Her Majesties Honour, our own just right to this Province, with all humble submission, and trust in the favour of Almighty God to defend and maintain us.

The Last Week has discovered a very notorious Piracy, committed upon Her Majesties Allies the *Portugal*, on the Coast of *Brazil*, by *Quelch* and Company, in the *Charles Gally*; for the discovery of which, all possible methods, have been used, and the severest Process against those vile men shall be speedily taken. That the Province be not thereby disparaged, as they have been heretofore; and I hope every good man will do his Duty according to the several Proclamations, to discover the Pirates & their Treasure, agreeable to the Acts of Parliament in that case made and provided.

*Gentlemen,*

It is your Anniversary Meeting, and I shall willingly attend the dispatch of the necessary Affairs of the Province, and I hope you will proceed with all Unanimity and Chearfulness in what is necessary for the support of the Government, and the Forces abroad: And your Advice in every thing shall be acceptable to me.

The Anniversary Election Sermon was Preached by the Rd. Mr. *Jon. Russel* upon *Neh. 9. 33.* And is order'd to be Printed

*Boston June 3. Entered inwards this week, Hill & Cook, from St. Christophers; Robinson from Hundoras, permitted to clear outwards: Green for Newfoundland, Thaxter for Barbadoes. Coasters inwards, Jackson, Sargent, Webber, Kingsbury, Flood & Gardner from Piscataqua. Hall, Horton & Smith from Connecticut: Parker from N-York: Coasters outward, Lathrop for Martha's-Vinyard, Higby, Smith & Adolph for N-York; Plumb, Curtice, Loring, Lewis, Starkey &*

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*Harris* for *Connecticut*. Outward bound, *Reddock* for *St. Christopher*s. Captain *Ebenezer Coffin* in the Sloop *Anne*, a Private Man of War, came in on *Thursday* the 1st currant, as Convoy to the above Coasters

*Nantucket* May 30. There was an Indian Woman found dead and supposed to be kill'd by her own Husband, who fled & swam over to another small Island call'd *Tuckanuck*, and was apprehended, & is now in Irons at *Nantucket*.

*Beaverly* May 27. *Jonathan Wheeler* in a Ketch is Arrived in 5 Weeks from *Antigua*, was chased by a Sloop in sight of the Island, & next morning chased by a Ship of 22 Guns, & in the chase spied the *Sheerness Gally*, & made to her & left the Ketch, & the Privateer to shun her, run ashore upon *Grandierre*, the Man of War not being acquainted, and shole water, would not venture, but went to *Antigua*, to fetch a Sloop to get her off, & ere he returned, they were gone. On the 23 of April a Ship fought a Privateer off of *Antigua* two hours, but being too strong for her, took and carried her away.

*Piscataqua* June 1. On Sabbath last, some of the sculking Enemy lay in Ambush for people at *Cocheco*, going to Publick Worship, & narrowly escap't being on Horseback, ran safely by them, scouts went out immediately after them, & found some dried Beef, & pewter bullets in the Thicket where they lay.

There waits for a fair Wind, Cap. *Frost* & *Hull* for *Barbadoes*, *Almery* for *Antigua*, *Parker* for *Madera*.

*Rhod-Island* June 2. Cap. *Whitehorn* sails in 10 days for *Virginia* & *London*.

*New-London* June 1. Capt. *Chester* sails in 10 days for *Virginia* & *London*.

*New-York* May 29. Cap. *Davison* sails in 10 days for *London*, fears will be too late for the *Virginia* Convoy who are said to sail the 1st of *June*.

### Advertisements

**T**wo Negro men, and one Negro woman & Child: to be Sold by Mr. *John Colman*, Merchant; to be seen at Col. *Charles Hobbe*y, Esq. his House in *Boston*.

**R**An-away from his Master *Seth Sweetzer* of *Charlstown*, in N.-Engl. August 15. 1703. A Young man, named *John Logen*, about 19 Years of Age, of a middle Stature, black Hair, by occupation a Taylor, he's said to be gone to *Long-Island*, thence to *Pensilvania*: Whosoever shall take him up & convey him safe to his Master shall have 4 pounds reward.

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**T**HIS News Letter is to be continued Weekly, and all who have Advertisements to insert, may have 'em at a reasonable rate, from 12d. to 5s. not to exceed: And all persons in Town & Country may have said News-Letter every week by the Year: Agreeing with *John Campbell* Post Master for the same.

R. E.

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday June 5. to Monday June 12. 1704.

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[IN the first column on the first page is London news of date "from Nov. 30 to Decemb. 11. 1703. *Plymouih Nov. 28.*" and also news from various European capitals referring particularly to the heavy autumn storms on the continent. At the head of the second column on the first page is part of a letter of Jeremiah Collier headed "*Mr Jeremiah Collier, Writing a Letter to a Person of Quality upon occasion of the late Tempest,*" and signed "*Your most Humble Servant, J. C. December 10. 1703*" The domestic news is of unusual variety, interest and importance.]

*St. Christophers May 13.* Col. *William Matthews* daily expected General, with 17 Sail of Men of War, and Col. *Gibson's* Regiment and this Regiment to go in the said Fleet, their design not yet publick.

*Boston June 10.* This morning arrived an Express to His Excellency from *Piscataqua*, with Letters from Col. *Church*, Chief Commander of the Forces lately gone into the Bay of *Fundey*, Dated at *Mont Desart* the 4 June *Current*. acquainting His Excellency of their having insulted & laid waste several French Settlements along the Coast, taken some considerable booty of Furr, Peltrey, &c. from the Enemy, kill'd some Indians, and taken several French Prisoners, and rescued (one *Michael Webber* a Captive, carried from *Papadock*) out of the Enemies hand. That our Souldiers and Mariners on board the several Vessels were in good health: That Her Majesties two Ships the *Gosport & Jersey* had newly joyned them, and that they were designed further up the Bay, on the French side.

The Prisoners say, That Provisions are very dear and scarce at *Portroyal*: That there is but 10 or 12 Houses on the Plot of the Fort, and 200 Souldiers in the Fort, and about 300 Inhabitants upon the River on both sides about 5 leagues up. That the number of Indians there, are about 40 Families, and about a like number at *Passamisquady* Fort and parts adjacent. That the Indians were to have a

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general Rendezvouz about the middle of *June*, at or near to the House of Monsieur *Tho. Lefebure*.

His Excellency intends to bring forward the Tryal of *Quelch* and Company now in Custody for Piracy within a few days.<sup>16</sup>

Warrants are issued forth to seize and apprehend Capt. *Larimore*, in the *Larimore* Galley, who is said to have Sailed from Cape *Anne* with 9 or 11 Pirates of Capt. *Quelch*'s Company.<sup>16</sup>

There is two more of the Pirates seized this week and in Custody, *viz. Benjamin Perkins*, and *John Templeton*.<sup>17</sup>

In our News-Letter Numb. 5. We gave an Account of 30 Kill'd and Captivated by the Enemy at *Northampton*, of which number there are since come & brought in alive Eleven Persons.<sup>18</sup>

Entred inwards this week, *John Moor* from *Nevis*, *Stephen Codman* junior from *Fyal*, and *William Henderson* from *Lisbon*, and *Coasters*, *Jonathan Sayer* from *N-York*, *Eleazar Darby* from *Pensilvania*, *Corney* and *Bracker* from *Piscataqua*, *Blin* and *Webb* from *Connecticut*. Outward bound, *Tho. Sill*, *Zachery Aldin* and *John Harris* for *Leward Islands*, *Philip Lewis* for *Suranam*, *Daniel Marshal* for *Virginia*, *Joshua Pickman* for *Portugal*: Cleared outwards *Coasters*, *Snell* and *Kingsbury* for *Piscataqua*. *Tiller*, for *New-York*, *Mansfield*, and *Parker* for *Connecticut*.

The Annual Artillery Election Sermon at *Boston*, upon *Monday* the 5th Instant, was Preached by the Reverend Mr. *Henry Gibbs*, on this Text, *Psal. 44. 6.* *For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my Sword save me.*

And Mr. *Thomas Hutchinson* was Chosen Captain, and Capt. *Adam Winthrop* Lieutenant of the Artillery.

*Piscataqua, June 9.* On Fryday last about 7 Indians made a descent on *Oyster-River*, kill'd one man and sundry Cattle: A Scout of our Indians went out from *Salmon Falls*, came up with about 7 Indians, supposed to be those did the mischief, but a River or Pond between them could not engage.

*Milford May 30.* Sabbath day last, about Noon, after Forenoons Exercise, Mrs *Jane Treat*, Grand Daughter to Deputy Governour *Treat* of *Connecticut*, Sitting in her Chair in the Corner or near the Corner, with the Bible in her hand, as she was Reading, which was her delight, was struck Dead by a terrible flash of Lightning, pre-

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16 See foot-note, News-Letter, No. 14 *post*.

17 See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7 *ante*, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*.  
See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

18 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 482.  
See News-Letter No. 5 *ante*.

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ceeding a Great Clap of Thunder, it kill'd her in a Moment, without knowing anything of the Pangs of Death; her Body was much wounded, not torn but burnt, and spotted one side of her from the Crown to the Sole of her foot. She was a Person of real Piety, and a pattern of Patience, Modesty and Sobriety. This so awful a stroke on so righteous a Person and Family, is a most amazing and mysterious Providence, deeply afflictive to her Grandfather, Relations and others.

*Rhode-Island June 9. The Honourable Samuel Cranston Esq. Governour of Her Majesties Colony of Rhode-Island &c. (Having received a Proclamation Emited by His Excellency Joseph Dudley Esq. Capt. General & Gov. in Chief in an over Her Majesties Province of the Mass. Bay &c. for Seizing & Apprehending the late Company of Pirates belonging to the Briganteen Charles, of whom John Quelch was Commander) By and with the advice of the Deputy Governour and Council present, issued forth his further Proclamation to Seize and Apprehend said Pirates, or any of their Treasure, and to bring them before one of the Council or next Justice of the Peace, in order to be conveyed to the town of New-port, to be examined and proceeded with according to Law. Commanding the Sheriff to Publish this and His Excellencies Proclamation in the Town of New-Port, and in other Towns of the Colony. Strictly forbiding all Her Majesties Subjects and others to conceal any of them or their Treasure, or convey and further their escape, on pain of being proceeded against with utmost severity of Law.<sup>19</sup>*

The Prize Sloop that Cap. Tonguerlow sent in, is unloaded, and had on board about 10 Tons of Coccoa, 5 or 6000 weight of right good Verino Tobacco, 8 Tearses of dry Goods, & 30 Cases of Liquors; but when 'twill be Condemned, knows not.

*Philadelphia May 26. This day Arrived Capt. Vaughan in a Sloop from Exuma, on board of which is one Mr. Houlden, who is a part Owner and Commander of the Ship, Portsmouth Gally of London, 18 Guns, about 60 men, and small Arms for 120 men, sailed from Boston in December last, where they took in about 10 Indian Divers, being designed in search for a Plate Wreck about the Bohemia Islands, which not finding, put into the aforesaid Port to load Salt for Boston, where on the 29th of April last (their Deck being pester'd with Lumber, &c. in order to clear their hole to take in Salt) a French small Privateer Sloop full of men clapt her on board at Anchor, & after a short dispute took her. The Master Capt. Ricey fought very stoutly till he lost his life, but his men did not stand by him, other-*

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<sup>19</sup> See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7 *ante*, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*.  
See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

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wise might have saved the Ship, he encouraged them when received several wounds, but to little purpose; the Indians fought bravely as two of them tell us both very much wounded, who jump't over-board & swam ashore as soon as they see Cap. *Ricey* killed; many were killed on both sides, they carried also off 2 Sloops, one of 4 Guns & 8 men, a tender to sad Ship. Cap. *Vaughan* rode by said Ship, but cut & run, next day put in & took in the above Indians, & took up his Anchor; Cap. *Houlden* being on shore, when the Privateer took the Ship.

*New-York, June 5.* His Excellency designs for *Albany* this week or the next.

### Advertisements.

**O**N *Fryday* the 16th currant, at 11 a Clock in the forenoon, will be exposed to Sale by Inch of Candle,<sup>20</sup> the Sloop *Tryal*, burthen about 30 Tons, at Mr. *Henry Franklings* the Swan Tavern at the *North-End* of the Town, the Sloop lyes at Mr. *Thomas Clark's* Wharf near said *Tavern*, an Inventory of her Stores may be seen at the Coffee-house, & at the Tavern aforesaid.

[Reprinted: the News-Letter advertisement, as in June 5; negroes to be sold, as in June 5.]

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From ~~Monday~~ June 12. to ~~Monday~~ June 19. 1704.

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**[F]**OREIGN matter occupies nearly all of the first page, the chief item being a proclamation (December 12, 1703) by Queen Anne for a general fast in view of the "late most Terrible and Dreadful

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20 Selling by "light of candle" was a practice common throughout Europe. At the beginning of the sale a candle was lighted, and while the candle was burning the bidding went on. When the candle had burned out, the person who had at that moment offered the highest price was declared the purchaser. This method of selling was introduced into the American colonies and was common during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. In New Amsterdam it was the regular legal usage of the Dutch in selling the property of debtors levied upon by the sheriff. "Inch of candle. In some parts of the country land is still disposed of at auction by inch of candle. This was the ancient form of auctioneering. Candles of inch length were provided, and when the candle went out the bidding was closed."—*Phrases and Names, Their Origins and Meanings.* By French H. Johnson.

"Down were tumbled miracle and martyr,  
Put up in lots and sold by inch of candle."

[Peter Pindar: *Lyric Odes*, xiii. ✓

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Storms of Wind, with which it Pleased Almighty God to Afflict the greatest Part of this our Kingdom on Friday and Saturday the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh days of November last." The domestic news relates largely to the seizure of Quelch's band of pirates. There are also reports of hostile movements of the French and Indians.]

*Marblehead, June 9.* The Honourable *Samuel Sewall, Nathanael Byfield, and Paul Dudley* Esqrs. came to this place yesterday, in obedience to His Excellency the Gouvernour, his Order for the more effectual discovering and Seizing the Pirates lately belonging to the Brigantine *Charles, John Quelch* Commander, with their Treasure. They made *Salem* in their way, where *Samuel Wakefield* the Water Baily informed them of a Rumor that two of *Quelches*'s Company were lurking at *Cape Anne*, waiting for a Passage off the Coast: The Commissioners made out a Warrant to *Wakefield* to Search for them, and dispatched him away on *Wednesday* night. And having gain'd intelligence this Morning that a certain number of them well Armed, were at *Cape Anne* designing to go off in the *Larrimore* Galley, then at Anchor in that Harbour. They immediately sent Men from the several adjacent Towns by Land & Water to prevent their escape, and went thither themselves, to give necessary orders upon the place.<sup>21</sup>

*Glocester, upon Cape Anne, June 9.* The Commissioners for Seizing the Pirates and their Treasure, arrived here this day, were advised that the *Larrimore* Galley Sail'd in the Morning Eastward: and that a Boat was seen to go off from the head of the Cape, near Snake Island, full of men, supposed to be the Pirates. The Commissioners seeing the Government mock'd by Capt. *Larrimore* and his Officers, resolved to send after them. Major *Stephen Sewall* who attended with a Fishing Shallop, and the Fort Pinnace, offered to go in pursuit of them, and Capt. *John Turner, Mr. Robert Brisco, Capt. Knight*, and several other good men Voluntarily accompanied him, to the Number of 42 men, who Rowed out of the Harbour after Sun-sett, being little Wind.<sup>22</sup>

*Salem, June 11.* This Afternoon, Major *Sewall* brought in to this Port, the *Larrimore* Galley, and Seven Pirates, viz. *Erasmus Peterson, Charles James, John Carter, John Pitman, Francis King, Charles King, John King*, whom he with his Company Surprized and Seized at the Isles of *Sholes* the 10th. Instant, viz. four of them on Board

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21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 Reprinted, in part, from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: Vol. VIII, pp. 390-391. See New-Letter, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 *ante*, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

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the *Larrimore* Galley, and three on Shoar on *Starr* Island, being assisted by *John Hinckes* and *Thomas Phipps* Esqrs. Two of Her Majesties Justices of *New-Hampshire*, who were happily there, together with the Justices, and the Captain of the place. He also Seized 45 Ounces and Seven Penny weight of Gold of the said Pirates.

Capt. *Thomas Larrimore*, *Joseph Wells* Lieutenant, and *Daniel Wormall* Master, and the said Pirates are Secured in our Goal.<sup>23</sup>

*Glocester, June 12.* Yesterday Major *Sewall* passed by this place with the *Larrimore* Galley, and Shallop *Trial*, standing for *Salem*, and having little wind, set our men ashore on the Eastern Point, giving of them notice that *William Jones*, and *Peter Roach*, two of the Pirates had mistook their way, and were still left upon the Cape, with strict charge to search for them, which our Towns People performed very industriously. Being strangers and destitute of all Succours they surrendered themselves this Afternoon, and were sent to *Salem* Prison.<sup>24</sup>

*Boston, June 17.* On the 13 Instant, Major *Sewall* attended with a strong guard brought to Town the above mentioned Pirates, and Gold he had Seized, and gave His Excellency a full Account of his Procedure in Seizing them. The Prisoners were committed to Goal in order to a Tryal, and the Gold delivered to the Treasurer and Committee appointed to receive the same. The Service of Major *Sewall* and Company was very well Accepted and Rewarded by the Governour.\*

His Excellency was pleased on the 13 Currant to open the High Court of Admiralty for Trying Capt. *John Quelch* late Commander of the Brigantine *Charles* and Company for Piracy, who were brought to the Barr, and the Articles exhibited against them read, They all pleaded *Not Guilty*, excepting three Viz. *Matthew Primer*, *John Clifford* and *James Parrot*, who were reserved for Evidences, and are in Her Majesties Mercy. The Prisoners moved for Council, and His Excellency assigned them Mr. *James Meinzes*. The Court was adjourned to the 16<sup>th</sup>. When met again Capt. *Quelch* preferr'd a Petition to His Excellency and Honourable Court, craving longer Time, which was granted till Monday Morning at Nine of the Clock, when said Court is to Sit again in order to their Tryal.<sup>25</sup>

On the 14. The Assembly Elected two of Her Majesties Council for this Province, to make up the Number of 28. *Samuel Hayman*, and *Simeon Stoddard* Esqrs. His Excellency approv'd of the choice.

Capt. *Thomas Hutchinson*, Capt. *Adam Winthrop* Lieu. and Mr *John Noyes* Ensign, Officers of the Honourable Artillery Company, have caused the Printing of the Election Sermon, which is now in the Press.

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Entered outward bound *John Stevens* for *Antigua*, *Thomas Lasenbe* for *Barbados*, and *Peter Coffin* for *Madera*. Coasters cleared *Richard Hall*, and *Jonathan Sayer*, for *Connecticut*, *Anthony Bracket* for *Piscataqua*. Permitted to clear *Henry Sherburn*, *William Goddard*, *Ephraim Breed*, *Andrew Wilson*, and *Thomas Barnes* for *Barbadoes*, *Samuel Payen* for *Antigua*, *Daniel Marshal* for *Virginia*. Coasters inward *Samuel Sand* and *William Newenhuyzen*, from *New-York*.

Capt. *Ebenezer Coffin*, in our Convoy Sloop of War, is arrived here this day.

*Rhode-Island*, June 16. On Wednesday arrived *John Brown* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes*, 19 days Passage, came out in Company with 33 Sail, whereof Capt. *Gillam* was Convoy, bound for *England*. There was one Briganteen bound for *Boston*, and one Sloop more belonging here. On Tuesday last arrived here from *Exuma* a *Bar-mudian* loaden with Salt, confirms the Death and taking of Capt. *Ricy*. One *Wilson* in a Ketch entered for *Boston*, *Whiteborn* for *Virginia* and *London*, *Roach & Breed* for *Antigua*, *Collins & Moore* for *Barbadoes*, are all near ready to Sail.

*New-London* June 15. Arrived here on Thursday last *William Rollson* in the Sloop *N London*, 19. days Passage from *St. Christopher*, and on Monday Sailed Capt. *Chester* for *London*, and *Browne* of *New-Haven* for *Madera's*. On Tuesday Marched Capt. *Samuel Eells* of *Millford* with 100. men to Reinforce, Major *Whiting* at *N. Hampton*. This is the 21st day of the Enemies French and Indians March from *Canada*, as we are informed.<sup>27</sup>

*New-York* June 12. Last Week arrived Capt. *Feaver* and *Moyon* from *Hundoras* in 2 Sloops. We hear 500 French and Indians are Marched from *Canada*, to attaque some parts of *New-England*.<sup>27</sup> The *Philadelphia* Post not come in.

#### Advertisements

**R**An-away from Capt. *John Aldin* of *Boston*, on Monday the 12th *Currant*, a tall lusty Indian Man call'd *Harry*, about 19 Years of Age, with a black Hat, brown Ozenbridge Breeches and Jacket: Whoever will take up said Indian, and bring or convey him safe either to *John Campbell* Post master of *Boston*, or to Mr. *Nathaniel Niles* of *Kingstown* in *Naraganset*, Master to said Indian, shall have a sufficient Reward.

**A**Negro Woman about 16 Years Old, to be Sold by *John Campbell* Post-master, to be seen at his House next door to the Anchor Tavern.

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<sup>27</sup> These items bearing on the French and Indian hostilities reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 420.

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday June 19. to Monday June 26. 1704.

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[FOREIGN matter occupies a part of the first page: comprising general European advices of dates between October 30 (Constantinople) and December 25, 1703 (Warsaw, Paris, Hague, London, Copenhagen); the London item reporting the action of the queen and privy council in the case of the widows and orphans of the officers and seamen who perished in the storm of November, 1703 in her majesty's service at sea. The domestic news includes report of the trial of Quelch and company. Also, accounts of Indian operations in the Connecticut Valley, and "to the Eastward," the latter in letters from Col. Church commanding the colonial forces.]

*Boston, June 24.* On Monday last, The 19. Currant, The High Court of Admiralty Sat again, when the Tryal of *John Quelch* late Commander of the Briganteen *Charles*, and Company for Piracy and Murder, Committed by them upon Her Majesties *Allies* the Subjects of the King of *Portugal*, was brought forward, and the said *Quelch* was brought to the Bar, being charged with Nine several Articles of Piracy and Murder whereupon he had been Arraigned and Pleaded, *Not Guilty*: The Queen's Attorney opened the case, and the Court proceeded to the Examination of the Evidences for Her Majesty. And the Council for the Prisoner, and the Prisoner himself being fairly heard, The Court was cleared, and after Advisement, the Prisoner was again brought to the Bar; & the the Judgment of the Court declared, That he was guilty of the Felony, Piracy and Murder, laid in the said Articles: Accordingly Sentence of Death was pronounced against him.

The next day being Tuesday, *John Lambert*, *Charles James*, *John Miller* and *Christopher Scudamore*, were brought to the Bar, who pleaded *Not Guilty*: And was severally tryed as *Quelch* was, and found guilty and Sentenced to Dy in like manner.

Then was brought to the Bar, *William Whiting* and *John Templeton* being Arraigned, They pleaded *Not Guilty*, and the Witnesses proving no matter of Fact upon them, said *Whiting* being Sick all the Voyage, & not active, and *Templeton* a Servant about 14 years of Age, and not charged with any action, were acquitted by the

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Court, paying Prison Fees. Next 15. more being brought to the Bar and Arraign'd *Viz. Will. Wilde, Benj. Perkins, James Austin, Nich. Richardson, Rich. Lawrence, John Pitman, Will. Jones, Erasmus Peterson, John King, Francis King, Charles King, Peter Roach, John Dorothy, Denis Carter and John Carter*, who severally pleaded *Guilty*, and threw themselves on the *Queen's Mercy*. And Sentence of Death was past upon them, in like manner as those abovenamed. 'Tis said some of them will be Executed the next Fryday, and the whole proceeding be put out in Print.<sup>28</sup>

On Wednesday 21. Came an Express to His Excellency from *Hatfield* with the Intelligence, That one Englishman and four Indians, being sent out upon discovery of the Enemy, Travelled 7 days up the River of *Connecticut*, and discovered some Indians a Fishing, so lay still till Night, and watched where they went to their Wigwam, and Surprized them in the Wigwam kill'd five of the said Indians being men, took a Squaw alive, who informed them, that the Indians were building a Fort at a place about 50 Miles further up, and after further Examination of the said Squaw they kill'd her also, and brought the Six Scalp's with them to *Northampton*: There were two Indians more of the said Company, but they made their escape.

Our People on the Frontiers are in a very good posture to receive the Enemy, if they should come.<sup>29</sup>

On Wednesday the 21. Arrived Mr. *Hart* in a Sloop from our Forces to the Eastward, with Letters from Col. *Church*, Chief Commander of the same, Dated at *Passamisquady*, the 13. Currant, acquainting His Excellency of their having laid wast & burnt all the French Settlements in those parts, Kill'd and Captivated of French and Indians, to the number of Thirty-five Persons, since our last account. While our People were Tearing up the Indian Corn, they fired on them from the other side of the River, and a fight at a distance continued about 3 hours, wherein we had one man Wounded, but a great noise was heard among the Indians, and 'tis supposed several of them were kill'd and wounded; the number of Indians are said to be between 30 & 40. Our Boats brought from the several Houses and Settlements a considerable parcel of Plunder of Furrs, Household Stuff, &c. The best we have got yet: We have also taken Monsieur *Chartier's* Shallop, formerly Mr. *Trevis's* of *Marblehead*, and several fine Cannoo's. Our Souldiers and Mariners on board Her Majesties Ships the *Gosport* and *Jearsy*, the Province Galley, and other

28 See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 *ante*, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

29 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 402-403.

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several Vessels, were all in Health. The Prisoners are brought to *Boston*.<sup>30</sup>

Cap. *Ellery* from *England* had about Eight Weeks passage, Says, as he came away, that there was a strong Embargo laid on, and a Squadron of about 50. men of War a fitting out. Capt. *Stone*, that Sail'd hence with the Fleet was Arrived, and Capt. *Wadsworth* and *Morton* that Sail'd a little before them.

Capt. *Parker* is Arrived from *Barbadoes*.

*Boston*, Permitted to clear Outwards, *Ezekiel Cravate*, *John Foster*, *John Phillips*, *John Scot*, and *Isaac Perkins* for *Barbadoes*. *Thomas Sill*, *Zachariah Alden*, *Joseph Vial*, and *Joshua Pikman* for *Antigua*: *Stephen Water* for *Madera*: *Fortune Reddock* for *St. Christophers*: *Philip Lewis* for *Surranam*; *Richard Smith* and *William Cooke* for *Moniserrat*: *Edward Holloway* for *Jamaica*, and *James Robe* for *Virginia*. Entered Inwards, *John Ellery* from *London*; *Samuel Clark* and *Wilson* from *Connecticut*: *Kingsbury* from *Piscataqua*. Coasters cleared Outwards, *Blin*, *Henderson* and *Vail* for *Connecticut*. Outward Bound, *Newcomb Blague*, for *Madera's*, *Isaac Robinson*, for *Jamaica*, and *Newenhusen* for *New-York*.

*Rhode-Island*, June 23. On the 19. Instant arrived *Moses Butterworth* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes*, 22. days passage, came out in Company with the *Blackwall* man of War, going in pursuit of the Country Brigantene, sent out from *Barbadoes*, some time before on a Cruise, having 50. of the man of War's men on board her, who instead of Returning, turn'd Pirate, and took an English Ship bound from *London* to *Antigua*, robb'd her and let her go: The news being brought from *Antigua* to *Barbadoes*, they immediately sent the *Blackwall* after her.

When Mr. *Butterworth* was in the *Lat.* of 36. & 40. They saw a Fleet consisting of about 150. Sail & took them to be *Spaniards*, but on the relating of it here, we suppose them to be the Homeward bound *Virginia* Fleet for *England*.

*New-York* June 19. On the 16 Arrived *Daniel Dunsrum* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes* 22 days Passage, came out in Company with 35 Sail, some for *Boston*, *Rhode-Island* and *Philadelphia*. On the 12th Currant he met with the Homeward bound *Virginia* Fleet consisting of 143 Sail about 30 leagues to the Eastward of *Sandyhook*: They Sail'd from *Virginia* the seventh Instant, and nine leagues without the Cape they met with the two men of War, *viz.* The *Faulkland* and the *Oxford* who were expected as an additional

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30 Reprinted from the *News-Letter* in Notes, in The *Acts and Resolves* . . . of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 361.



correspondence here held a Correspondence with  
Books in England, and were not out of hopes of ge-  
tting the pretended Prince of Wales.  
There is no doubt, but there is a Design among  
other Papists to do mischief, and it may be fully fair  
they have begun already. For Letters yesterday say  
that a Body of Papists had got together in the  
County of Limerick, had marched in a hostile man-  
ner through the several Towns, particularly Adelphi,  
and had plundered and disarm'd several Protestants,  
and committed violence on Green, a Protestant, for appearing as  
a Witness in the first Court of Claims against one  
Talbot O'Quinn, an Irish Papist. It is said there are  
several more little Parties of  $1/2$  up in that Coun-  
try, which put the Protestants in a mighty  
danger.

THE LONDON GAZETTE December 16, to 2016. 1703.

Her Majesty came this day to the House of Peers attended with a usual Solemnity; and being seated on the Throne in Her Royal Robes, Sir George Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers, whether they came accordingly. And Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to an Act for Creating an Order of the Bath by a Law of Her Majesty to be raised in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty-four.

The Honourable Col. Nathan Hale Esq. is the  
Colonial Judge of the Admiralty for the Province of  
Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New-Jersey. And  
the Honourable Nathan Hale, Judge-Deputy for the Colony of  
New-Hampshire.

June 21 - Mr. Frederick Beach & an Excellent  
Invention or ? The *first* *the* *75* *the* *new* *invention* : Exhibiting  
anks & Bellows of Persons to do their own work  
to a REFORMATION - which His Excellency  
is ordered to be printed.

The 24th His Excellency Diffused the Gen. Assembly Rhode-Island 22. He & Mr. Lister died on That Day Capt. *T. Murray* has taken Five Prizes off of Narragansett, one of which is come in to Rhode Island mostly London with Capt. *T. Murray*, L-  
s. &c. She is a *Carrack* Frigates, as all the  
rest were. One of the Five was one *Lever-  
Frigate*, a Sloop of 8 Guns & 80 Patter-  
ons 56 Men, Fought him Board and Board  
vice Glasses; Captain *Lever*, was kill'd,  
and 20 of his Men kill'd & wounded: Capt.  
~~Longfellow~~ wounded thro' the Body, and five  
of his men, but none kill'd, he had but 40  
fighting Men, when he took *Lever*.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Curant, came in a Sloop to this port from *Virginia*, the Master informed Governor Craven, Esq. he was Chased by a Topsail Hallop off of *Belle Isle*, which he judge to be a French Privateer, and that there were two other Vessels in her Company, which he judge to be her prizes. Whereupon his Honour being concerning for the Publick Weal and Safety of His Subjects good Subjects, immediately caused the Admiralty to beat for Volunteers, under the Command of *McCovey*, and *John Hargrove*, Esqrs.

large Arguments, as you will see by the Particulars  
which shall be laid before you as soon as the several  
Examinations relating to this Matter can be fully  
performed, and made publick without Prejudice: In  
the mean time I make no Doubt, but by this Sear-  
chable Discovery I shall be able to give such Di-  
rections for the Publick Service, by presenting the  
Evidence before the Session with a comfortable Part of your  
opinions. I depend entirely upon your Contrivance  
with the same to dispatch the Remainder of  
them; that so we may be prepared to give the spe-  
cificall Interest to our Allies, and to defeat the mar-  
tine Design of our Enemies; who cannot be more  
desirous to controul the Rule of this Kingdom,  
and of the Protestant Religion, than I shall always  
be to vindicate and defend the protestant Re-  
ligion, and to secure the Security of  
our Country.

As to my self, I hope to continue there very sickly  
till the arrival of my Master of this place  
and to be then sent to a Country where I may  
have a more speedy Recovery.

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BY SAMUEL ADAMS, BOSTON.

New-England, April 17. By a Warre from Jamaica, (Issued from Boston, 7 Weeks before,) says, there was an Im-  
bargo in that Island several Months past, occasioned by News  
they had of a design the French & Spaniards had, to make  
a descent upon them: She came out with the Homeward  
bound Lizard Fleet, who are gone home without Convoy.  
Capt. Davis in the Eagle Gally, Sails for London, in  
a Month's time. Virginia Fleet stays so long, he intends  
to keep them Company Home, if not, to run for it, being  
built for that Service.

Philadelphia, April 14. An Account that the French  
naught Men of War was Arrived in Maryland,  
N. Land, April, 20. The Adventure, A Vessel to Tunis,  
will Sail from thence to London, in three Weeks at a  
Month's time.

#### Jobbersprint.

THIS News-Letter is to be continued Weekly,  
and all Persons who have any Houses, Lands,  
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the same.



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**Convoy.** The Commadore (Cap. *Evans*) ordered them to return with the Fleet without proceeding any further which they did: The Merchant men promising to supply them with Water, &c. On Board the *Faulkland* was one Mr. *Vrqhuart*, a Minister Bound for this place, who had the good Fortune to get a Passage hither in Mr. *Dunskun*, but sundry other Passengers on board those two Men of War for *Virginia*, *Maryland* and *Pensilvania* are all carried back for *England*: They left *Portsmouth* the beginning of *April* last, and in their passage the *Faulkland* took two *French* Ships, one of 24 Guns, and 65 men, the other of Twelve Guns and Twenty-five men, both Bound for *Martinico*, to *St. Malo* loaden with Sugar, Cocoa, Indico, &c. The *Oxford* gave Chase to a Third in Company with these two, but could not come up with her.

Mr. *Vrqhuart* is appointed Minister of *Jamaica*, one Mr. *Crawford* a Minister for *Pensilvania*, was on board the *Oxford* but carried home again.

*Philadelphia, June 17.* On the 12. dyed the Honourable Colonel *William Markham*. On the 13. a Sloop arrived from *Virginia*, left Point Comfort the 9 Instant, Says, That the *Virginia* Fleet consisting of about 140 Sail under Convoy, (only) of the *Dreadnought* and *Foy*, Sailed from *Linhavenbay* on the 8th. Instant for *England*.

### Advertisements

**R**an-away from Capt. *Nathanael Cary*, of *Charlstown*, on Saturday the 17th Currant, a well set middle sized *Maddagascar* Negro Woman, called *Penelope*, about 35 years of Age: With several sorts of Apparel; one whereof is a flowered damask Gown: She speaks English well. Whosoever shall take up said Negro Servant, and her Convey to her above-said Master, shall have sufficient Reward.

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**M. E.**

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**M H—AS—NY**

**[F]**OREIGN matter, chiefly, under date 20th December 1703, an address of the English commons to the queen, occupies most of the first page. A "Copy of a Letter from a Gentleman in Cannada to a Gentleman in Port-royal," dated "Quebeck," follows. The domestic news includes the "bill of mortality" for Boston for three years; a paragraph account of the execution of Quelch and five of his com-

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panions; and the announcement of the receipt by the governor of a packet from the queen "to permit a trade with New Spain" (Mexico).]

*The Copy of a Letter from a Gentleman in Cannada, to a Gentleman in Port-royal:*  
Quebeck, April, 28. 1704.

SIR I believe you have heard of several parties of *French* and *Indians*, gone out since the last fall against the *English*, Mr. *Gordeau* the bearer hereof is a living witness, who will inform you of the whole, If the affairs of this Countrey do not change in a little time, others will go away. *Canada* was never in the Like misery, we must absolutely abandon it before two Years, or God must work Miracles, to preserve it, since Peace is made with the *Maqua's* in the Pardon which the King has a second time given the Hunters. He permits them to go to the new Colony of *Messasipy*, or to return to their own Countrey absolutely pardoning all their disobedience. I believe the liberty given them of choice, will not only hinder them from returning to their own Country, but will make those that are there resolved to go away, thinking they can't be taken else-where. Wine is so rare here, that we are obliged to drink nothing but water, and other Goods proportionably; we impatiently expect News from *France*, to advise us who must be our Governour.

*Boston, July 3.* On *Tuesday* morning Dyed Madam *Anne Richards*:<sup>31</sup> was Buryed on *Thursday* last. On *Fryday* died Madam *Anne Paige*:<sup>32</sup> was Buried Yesterday.

*Boston.* Because it may carry some useful Information in it, we have thought it not amiss, to give the Publick, the *Bill of Mortality* for the Three Years last past.

*The Number of Persons, besides Negro's and Indians, which were buried in the Town of Boston.*

Anno.	1701.	1702.	1703.
March	11	9	21
April	6	13	14
May	11	8	16
June	13	07	12
July	15	20	10
August	15	32	13
September	17	47	19
October	12	55	15
November	15	74	8

31 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 107, under date June 27 [1704]; also, p. 108, under date June 29, and note on same page.

32 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 109, under date Junij. 30, 1704, and note on same page; also, p. 111, under date July 2.

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<i>Anno.</i>	1701.	1702.	1703.
December	7	87	18
January	17	69	6
February	7	20	7
	146	441	159

*Note, 1.* In that Mortal year, 1702. the Number of *Negroes* and *Indians*, which had a Singular Share in the Mortality, made the Number of the Buried, arise to about, 500.

*Note, 2.* Many Inhabitants of *Boston*, have their Employments at Sea; and many of these Dying abroad (in proportion, much more than at home) they are not reckoned in our Catalogue.

*Note, 3.* It has been observed by some, that in Times of Health, (such as we now Enjoy,) Mortality ordinarily carries off, somewhat about a *Fiftieth Part* of the People Every year. *Quare*, How far will that Observation hold for this Town?

*Note, 4.* It might be of use, if some other of the principal Towns in the Country, would preserve their **Bill of Mortality**, and Communicate it.

On *Fryday* was carried to the Place of Execution seven Pirates to be Executed, *viz.* Capt. *John Quelch*, *John Lambert*, *Christopher Scudamore*, *John Miller*, *Erasmus Peterson*, *Peter Roach* & *Francis King*; all of which were Executed, excepting the last named, who had a Reprieve from His Excellency, And notwithstanding all the great labour and pains taken by the Reverend Ministers of the Town of *Boston*, ever since they were first Seized and brought to Town, both before and since their Tryal and Condemnation, to instruct, admonish, preach and pray for them; yet as they led a wicked and vicious life, so to appearance they dyed very obdurately and impenitently, hardened in their Sin.<sup>33</sup>

His Excellency intends to send an Express to *England* with an Account of the whole matter to Her Majesty.<sup>34</sup>

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33 See New-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 *ante*, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

A broadside entitled

An Account of the Behaviour and last Dying  
Speeches

Of the Six Pirates, that were Executed on Charles River, Boston side,  
On *Fryday* June 30th. 1704. *Viz.*

Capt. *John Quelch*, *John Lambert*, *Christopher Scudamore*,  
*John Miller*, *Erasmus Petersen* and *Peter Roach*,  
with the imprint "Printed for and Sold by *Nicholas Boone*, at his Shop near  
the Old Meeting-House in *Boston*, 1704," is bound in the file of the *Massachusetts Historical Society* immediately before this issue; also in the file of the *New York Historical Society* immediately after the issue of July 10.

The scene of this execution is depicted by *Sewall* in his *Diary*, Vol. II, p. 109.

34 See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

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On Fryday His Excellency Prorogu'd the General Assembly to the 16th. day of August.

On Saturday His Excellency received a Packet from *England* by way of *N. York*, with directions from Her Majesty to permit a Trade with *New-Spain*, (stores of War, and goods prohibited by act of Parliament only excepted,) and this Morning His Excellency in Council has ordered a Proclamation to be published signifying Her Majesties pleasure therein. <sup>ss</sup>

Entred Outward bound *William Everton*, for *Newfoundland*; *James Gibsen* for *Leward Islands*, *Nicholas Parker* and *Walter Oglesby* for *Barbadoes*. Coasters Inwards, *Holt, Baker* and *Tapper* from *Connecticut*. Forreign Vessels Inward, *Charles Bridgar* from *Campeche*: Permitted to Clear outwards *Benjamin Pereman* for *Barbadoes*. Coasters Outwards, *Kingsbury*, and *Parker* for *Piscataqua*, *Eliot & Smith* for *Connecticut*.

*Madera, May 8.* By Letters from *Lisbons* of the 20. last *Via Salem*, acquainted [various items of European war news].

Two men of War and several Merchant Ships from *England*, touched here, bound to the *West-Indies*.

*Piscataqua June 29.* On Monday Arriv'd *Joseph Esman* from *Topsam*, about 8 weeks passage, he intends for *Boston*.

*Rhode-Island June 30.* There's Arriv'd here another Prize sent in by Cap. *Tongrelow* a Brigantine of about 90 Tons, belonging to *Curaso*, Taken a Trading with the Spaniards, her loading consists of about 30 or 40 boxes of Steel, 102 double bars of Iron, a quantity of Dutch Knives, 72 Barrels of Flower, 32 Beaves Hides, some Turto-shell. On *Tuesday* Arriv'd the Sloop *Charles* from the Bay of *Compeche* belonging to *Boston*, brings News, that Cap. *Stevens*, who was Captain of that Sloop that *Tongrelow* has now, who went on shore with about 100 & odd men at the River of *Chechopege*, & was suppos'd they were all cut off, are all alive and well at *Laverdecrouse*; They took the Town they went to take, but staid too long in it, and so the Country rose & took them all Prisoners, the Masters name I know not, but the Sloop is gone for *Boston*. Here is one *Pitts* from *South Carolina*, but brings no news.

*New-York, June 26.* Last Week arriv'd one *Watkins*, about 6 Weeks passage from the Bay of *Hundoras*, not any *Boston* Vessels in the Bay when he came away.

*Philadelphia, June 22.* On the 18. arrived Capt. *Harriot* from *Barbadoes*, who spoke with 6 Ships that came out of the Capes of

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35 See News-Letter No. 12 post.

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*Virginia*, 4 days after the Fleet Sail'd thence, on board of which was Mr. Paxton, whom they spoke with.

Here is a Passenger come to Town, came from *Bristol* the latter end of *March* to *Virginia*, gives an Account of —<sup>36</sup> *Bristol* Ships, all<sup>37</sup> outward bound to the *West Indies* &c. were all taken coming out of the Chanel (without Convoy) by 6 Privateers, who set on Shore most of the *Prisoners* in *England*.

### Advertisements

**A**T Col. *Francis Foxcroft*, Merchant, his Ware-house upon the Dock in *Boston*, there's a parcel of *Spanish* and *Swedes* Iron to be Sold.

**R**An-away from his Master, *Seth Sweetzer* of *Charlstown*, in *New-England*, *August* 15. 1703. A Young man, named *John Logen*, about 19 years of Age, of a middle stature, black hair, by occupation a Taylor: He's said to be gone to *Long-Island*, thence to *Pensilvania*: Whoever shall take him up, and convey him safe to his above-said Master, shall have Four Pounds reward.

**T**here is now in the Press, and will speedily be Published: The Arraignment: Tryal and Condemnation of Capt. *John Quelch*, and others of his Company &c. For sundry Piracies, Robberies and Murder, committed upon the Subjects of the King of *Portugal*, Her Majesties Allie, on the Coast of *Brazil*, &c. Who upon full Evidence were found Guilty, at the Court-House in *Boston*, on the 13th. of *June* 1704. With the Arguments of the Queen's Council, and Council for the Prisoners, upon the Act for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy. With an account of the Ages of the several Prisoners, and the Places where they were Born. Sold by *Nich. Boone*, near the Old-Church.

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**P. E.**

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**NY—AS**

**[I**NCIDENTS of the visit of the Duke Charles of Austria, aspirant to the throne of *Spain*, to *Holland* and *England* in December,

<sup>36</sup> Figures blotted out with a pen in the copy in the file of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

<sup>37</sup> This word, all, also blotted out.

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1703 and January, 1703-1704, are fully recorded in the two columns of the first page of this issue under date of Hague, January 4, 1704 and London, December 30, 1703. From Milan, Vienna and other places on the continent is December news of the war in Poland and the recognition of the Duke Charles for king of Spain. Governor Dudley's proclamation for permitting a trade to the Spanish West-Indies, is given with the domestic news.]

*Piscataqua, July, 6.* On Tuesday last eight Indians were seen at York, who had almost Surpriz'd one Shaw, that was at some distance from the Garrison: The Indians were within Pistol Shot, and might have kill'd him, but striving still to surround & take him alive, (as supposed for Intelligence) he by that means, being a nimble active man, made his escape. Capt. Heath & Lieutenant March immediately went in pursuit of them 6. or 7 Mils, but no discovery.

By His EXCELLENCY, Joseph Dudley Esq. Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England*, and Vice-Admiral of the same. A PROCLAMATION, For Permitting a Trade to the Spanish *West-Indies*.

**H**aving Received Her Majesties Commands of the Twenty third of February past, by the Right Honourable, the Earl of *Nottingham* Principal Secretary of State, To permit and Suffer Her Majesties Subjects freely and openly to carry to any Place or Territory, under the Dominion of *Spain* in *America*, all such Merchandizes and Commodities, as might have been carryed thither before the War: Provided there be not among them any Stores or Ammunition of War: And likewise to Permit Her Majesties Subjects to bring from the *Spanish* Dominions in *America*, any Merchandizes or Goods of those Parts.

**I** Do hereby Publish and make known the same; To the intent, That any of Her Majesties good Subjects desirous to use the said Trade, Upon Application to Me made, may receive the necessary Certificates and Instructions for their better safety and regulation therein, Conform to Her Majesties said Commands.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the third Day of *July*, 1704. In the Third Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GOD, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland* QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*J. DUDLEY.*

GOD Save the QUEEN.

On Wednesday, *Samuel Walker*, a Souldier belonging to the

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Castle, being at *Cambridge*, and the day being very hot, went to Swim in the River, was drowned.

Entered Outward Bound, *John Alden* in *Friendship* for *Newfoundland*. *Nathaniel Eliot* in the *Mary Ketch* for *Curaso*. Entered Inwards, *Joseph Esman* from *Topsham*, *Pitts* from *Carolina*, *Wheeler* from *Coratuck*. Permitted to Clear Outwards, *Love* and *Stevens* for *Barbadoes*, *Coffin*, *Newcomb*[.] *Blague* for *Madera*. Coasters Inwards, *Adolph*, *Schellinx* and *Nichols* from *New-York*, *Parker* from *Piscataqua*, *Smallog* from *Rhode-Island* Outward, *Sands*, *Walker* for *Rhode-Island*, and *Gardiner* for *Nantucket*.

*Philadelphia*, June 29. Capt. *Hamerton* Arrived here in 17 days from *Barbadoes*, says, That the men that Ran away with the Island Briganteen, put the Capt. and some of the men that would not Joyn with them, on board a Sloop they met at Sea, which was after taken by the *French* and carried in to *Martinico*. Its supposed they are gone with the Briganteen for the Red-Sea.

*New-York* July 3. We have Advice from *Madera*, (by Cap. *Penniston*) That two French Men of War Landed at *Porte Sancto* near that Island, & committed some spoil, but in a short time were repelled with considerable loss.

That a *Swedes* Ship, Commanded by *Pickering*, an Irishman, who was bound to *Cadiz*, was forced into *Faro* in *Portugal*, where lay a Small English Frigot, whom *Pickering* resisted, until he had lost 60 men out of 80, which was his complement, & then was taken by the Frigot, & sent to *Engl.* a Prisoner, *Pickering* pretended he was bound to *Genoa*.

They write from *Madera* that the difference between the Emperor & the *Hungarians* are accomodated.

On 29 *June* last arrived here one *Collier* from *Fyall* in 8 weeks, Letters by him from *London* of 29 *February* say, our Ships bound hither would Sail with the *Barbados* Convoy, but the time of Sailing not assign'd.

Our Assembly is Adjourn'd to the 2 day of *October* next.

### Advertisements

**A** Farm to be Sold containing 430 Acres lying between *Woodcocks* & *Seaconk alias Rehoboth*, butting upon the Road by the 7 mile River, well wooded & watered with fresh Meadow suitable to said Farm being about 5 miles from Mr. *Jinks*'s Iron Works of *Providence*. If any person has a mind to purchase said Farm, they may discourse Mr. *Gedion Crawfurd* of *Providence* concerning it, who has power to dispose of the same upon reasonable terms.

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[NEARLY three-fourths of this number is occupied by foreign matter, which comprises: under dates Westminister, December 20 and 23, 1703, addresses of the two houses of Parliament to the queen; under January dates, the queen's order governing the conduct of theatres, and a speech to Parliament; and general European items. Titles of acts passed by the General Court, are included in the domestic news.]

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*Boston, July 17. Sundry Acts passed the 28th. of June, by the Great and General Court or Assembly of Her Majesties Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England: Begun and Held at Boston, upon Wednesday the 31st. of May, 1704.*

An Act directing that the Militia of the Frontiers be provided with Snow Shoes, &c.

An Act of Priviledge to the Members of the General Assembly and Judges of Assize.

An Act for removing the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and Inferior Court of Pleas from Wells to York.

An Act in further Addition to the Act for Levying Souldiers, &c.

An Act of Continuation of several Acts therein mentioned that are near expiring, *viz.* An Act to prevent the deserting the Frontiers of this Province. The Paragraph, In addition to the *Act*, for Levying Souldiers, &c. The *Act Entituled, An Act*, Granting unto Her Majesty an Excise upon Wines, Liquors and Strong Drink Sold by Retail. *The Act for Granting unto Her Majesty several Rates and Duties of Impost and Tunnage of Shipping.*

An Act for Granting unto Her Majesty a Tax upon Polls and Estates of 22613*l.* 10*s.* for payment of the Publick Debts already contracted, and for defreying the growing Charge of the War, &c.

An Act for punishing Officers and Souldiers, retained in Her Majesties Service, and under pay.

*Portsmouth April 27. Yesterday arrived here the Centurion Man of War, Capt. Hern Commander, from N. England, with the*

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Mast-Ship and Merchant-men under his Convoy, who as soon as he made *Scylla* with the Fleet, a Privateer of 24 Guns came within two miles of them: but seeing the Man of War, he tack't and stood away: The *Centurion* Chas'd him 3 hours, and came so near him, that the Privateer was forced to throw his Guns Overboard to lighten his Ship for Sailing; a Fog coming on, the Man of War was necessitated to desist his pursuing, for fear of losing the Fleet; Capt. *Thomas* that Sailed from *New-England* before the Fleet, is taken by the *French*, and carried into *Genoua*.

*Boston*, Capt. *Jenkins* came out in Company with a Fleet of about 200 Sail, under Convoy of Sir *Cloudsly Shovel*; There being 30 Men of War, 6 whereof were bound to the *West-Indies* with some of the Fleet, some Men of War, and another part of the Merchant men bound to *Portugal*; The Men of War immediately to return, and join Sir *Cloudsly*, who is to Guard the Channel, Capt. *Pitts* and Capt. *Miles* both bound hither, came out in Company.

On *Fryday* last, There was a great Thunder Shower of Rain, together with great Hail stones.

On *Wednesday* 19th Instant, There is Holden a Court of Admiralty at *Newport* on *Rhode-Island*, by the Honorable *Nathaniel Byfield* Esq. Judge of the Court, and other the Officers of the said Court, Dependent on the Vice-Admiralty of His Excellency the Governour of these Provinces, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and particularly of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantation*, Pursuant to Her Majesties late Commands sent to the said Government of *Rhode-Island*, which it is not doubted will be now obeyed there.

Outward Bound, *Bryan Smith* for *Lisborn*: Capt. *John Ellery* and *Samuel Emes* for *Barbadoes*: *Stephen Codman* for *Pensilvania*, *Abraham Hill* for *Antigua*, *Richard Ingersol* for *Newfoundland*, Coasters Entered Inwards, *Samuel Prince* and *Nathaniel Lorring* from *Connecticut*. Cleared Outwards *Ebenezer Dearby* for *West-Jersey*, *Thomas Lathrop*, *John Lathrop* and *Ichabod Tapper* for *Connecticut*, *Anthorne Bracket*, *Joseph Flood* and *John Jackson* for *Piscataqua*: *Dirick Adlop* for *New-York*. Forreign Entered Inwards. *Richard Smith* from *Bristol*, *James Cauley*, *Abraham Gording*, from *Fyall*, *John Jenkins* in the *Eagle Gally* from *London*. Forreign permitted to clear Outwards, *John Snapes* for *Newfoundland*, *Nathaniel Harris* for *Antigua*, *Andrew Elson* for *Lisborn*, *John Tucker* for *North Carolina*, *Nicholas Parker* for *Barbadoes*.

Capt. *Miles* Arrived Yesterday from *London*.

*New-York*, July 10. Capt. *Davison* Sail'd for *London* on Thursday last. His Excellency has Adjourn'd the Assembly of *New-Jersy*

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to the 4th of *September* next. Dr. *John Bridges* our Chief Justice dy'd on Thursday last.

**Advertisement**

Here is a Negro man taken up supposed to be Run-away from his Master; he said he was a free Negro, and lived at *Bristol*, but upon being sent to Prison, he owned he was a Servant and made his escape from his Master *Matthew Howard* at *Seaconet*, about 5 Weeks ago: he is a Lusty Fellow, says his name is *George*; upon paying the Post-master for this Advertisement the owner may be informed where he is, and also upon paying the charge and reward for taking him up, may have said Negro again.

**M. E.**

**Plumb. 14.**

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[THIS issue is a full sheet folio. The first two pages and more than half of the third page are taken up, under date *West-minister, January 17, 1703/4*, by the "Humble Representation" of the English peers presented to the queen upon occasion of an Address to her majesty by the commons, Dec. 23, "by which the House of Lords is charged with the Violation of Your Royal Prerogative, and of the known Laws of the Land; with wresting persons suspected of Treasonable Practices, and taken into Custody by Messengers out of Your Majesties Hands, without Your leave or knowledge, and in a most extraordinary manner taking the examination of them solely to themselves, whereby a due enquiry into the evil practices and designs against Your Majesties Person and Government might in great measure be obstructed." Other foreign items are mixed with the domestic news occupying the remainder of the space. The domestic news, of larger importance than usual, includes a vivid tale of the sea; the arrival of an express brigantine sent by Col. Church, commander of the colonial forces, from Port Royal with letters to the governor; and the sailing of an express sloop for England with an account of the Quelch affair for the queen, and two prisoners charged with being accessories.]

*Boston*, On the first of *March* last, Sailed from hence, *John Jarries* in the Sloop *Henrietta*, bound for *Barbadoes*, and in the Latitude of 30. about 180 leagues to the Eastward of *Cape Cod*, he met with three *French Ships*, Letter of Mart men from *Martinico*, bound for *Bilboa* for Convoy: The *Commadore* had 20 Guns, one 16, the other 12. Guns: It being Calm, they took the Sloop with two of their Boats.

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the Master and two men they carried with them Prisoners; and put five *French* men on board the Sloop, leaving only *Noah Champney* the Mate, and the Boy on Board, and ordered them to make the best of their way to *Vego*; and meeting with contrary Winds, in the Latitude of 38, about 190 Leagues to the Eastward of *Traseras*, they thought fit to alter their Course, and go for *Cadiz*. The *French* men all along used the Mate and Boy very hardly and barbarously, making each of them steer 4 hours at a time by turns, scarcely suffering them to sleep, beating them with Ropes ends, almost starv'd with cold for want of Cloaths, having taken all their Cloaths from them, and allowing them no Beds to lie upon: which severe hard usage made their life burthensome, and put Mr. *Champney* on thinking how to redress themselves, and discoursing the Boy, they agreed to watch an opportunity to knock the *French* men on the Head, and relieve themselves out of their misery. Therefore on or about the 22d. of *April* last, about three of the Clock in the Afternoon, 4 of the *French* men being in the Cabbin, and the 5th upon Deck: The Boy at the Helm a Steering, it being Mr. *Champney*'s turn to sleep, he lay in the warm Sun upon Deck, but could not sleep: The *French* man upon Deck going to draw a Bucket of Water, *Champney* started up, and took an Ax and knock'd him in the head, and threw him Overboard, the *French* man rose again and cry'd *Mondieu*, at the noise of which, the Captain came out of the Cabbin and one more, storm'd and stampt, whereupon Mr. *Champney* at the Captain with his Ax gave him a blow and fel'd him; then ran to the other and gave him a blow also, and fel'd him. The other two French men were about to come out of the Cabbin, & Mr. *Champney* charged them not to come up, else he'd knock 'em on the head also, upn which they cryed out for Quarter, and so he ordered them to abide in the Cabbin & ordered the Boy to go and spike up the door, and the Boy returning from the Cabbin, one of the *French* men before knock'd down was getting up again, *Champney* ordered the Boy to give him a blow with the Ax, and then they threw both of them Overboard, and shap'd their Course for *New-England*: They kept the two *French* men in the Cabbin till night, and then let them out: they being illiterate fellows and no Artists, made *Champney* secure of fearing any hurt from them, knowing they kill'd him, themselves must perish. On the 26th of *June* he met a Briganteen from *London*, bound for *Philadelphia*, *Nathaniel Pugle* Master, in the Latitude of 40, and exchanged a *French* man for an *English*-man. And on *Monday* last, off of the Isles of *Sholes* he was Chased by Captain *Gallop* (in a Briganteen from *Port-Royal* with Advice from our Forces) whom he took to be a *French*-man, which put him in a great consternation what to do; he threw Overboard all the *French*-mens Cloaths, Papers, and what

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else belonged to them, for his own self defence, fearing he should be taken and discovered; whilst Mr. *Champney* went to the Cabbin, to throw over the Cloaths, &c. The Boy knockt the surviving *Frenchman* on the head and threw him Overboard. And on *Wednesday* last they Arrived at *Boston*.

On *Wednesday* last arrived here Captain *Gallop*, in a Briganteen sent Express by Colonel *Church*, Commander in Chief of our Forces from *Port-Royal*, with Letters to His Excellency of the 7th Currant, acquainting him of their having laid waste and destroyed about 60 Houses in *Menis*; about 6 Mills, a great many fine Barns, kill'd a great number of Cattle, done some damage to their Damms that kept the Sea from overflowing their Corn, rooted up their Corn, kill'd some *French* and *Indians*, with the loss of two of our men, *viz.* Lieutenant *Joshua Barker*, of the Colonels Company, and Sergeant *Briggs* of Capt *Haradines* Company. We have also taken a Sloop who had on Board 6 of our Captives, who hired her to come to *Boston*, &c. Captain *Gallop* brought 45 *French* Prisoners in the said Briganteen.

Captain *Cary* Sailed on *Saturday* last, in the Express Sloop for *England*, with an Account of Capt. *Quelch* and Company's Tryal, &c. who carries with him Capt. *Thomas Larimore* and *Joseph Wells* Lieutenant (mentioned in our Numb. 9 Print, as Accessaries in endeavouring to cary off the 7 Pirates then taken) as Prisoners to the Queen: He carries also with him three Evidences of their Crime committed.<sup>38</sup>

Mr. *Thomas Weld*, a pious Youth, Son to the Reverend Mr. *Thomas Weld*, Minister of *Dunstable*, who took his Second Degree at *Cambridge* on the 5th Instant, Sickened on the *Fryday* following, Dyed the 21st Currant at *Brantrey*, and Buried at *Roxbury* the 22d.

Entered Outward Bound, *Thomas Meirs* for *Suranam*, and *Nehe-miah Partridge* for *Barbadoes*. Coasters inwards, *Joseph Breed* from *Piscataqua*, and *Joseph Lewis* from *Saybrook*. Outward, *Samuel Prince* for *Fairfield*, *William Rhodes* for *New Haven*, and *Benjamin Flood* for *Piscataqua*. Forreign Inwards, *Stephen Payne* from *Madera*, and Captain *James Pitts*, in the *David* and *Joseph* from *Falmouth*. Permitted to clear Outwards, *John Welsh*, in *Sea flower* Sloop for *England*.

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38 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 394. For detailed account of the *Quelch* affair, including parts of the News-Letter paragraphs relating to it in Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 *ante*, 63, 66 *post*, see Notes, Province Laws, Vol. VIII, pp. 386-397. Also see paper by Abner C. Goodell, (then editor of the Province Laws and maker of the Notes in Vol. VIII). "Captain *Quelch*, the Pirate," comprising extracts from his Province Laws Notes, in Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts. Vol. III, pp. 71-77.

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*Philadelphia, July 13.* Last night Arriv'd *Isaac Waterman* from *Maryland*, came a Passenger in the Sloop *Amity* of this place *Alexander Alpin* Master from *Barbadoes*, but Arriv'd in *Maryland*, who about 5 Weeks ago in Lat. 32. 20. was taken by the Duke of *Orleance, Delavil Hitchet* Commander, a French Privateer of 36. Guns, 170 men, belongs to *St. Malaos*, came in her Ballast from the *Havana*; They told the People of the Sloop, That they designed to Cruse for about Six Weeks between Cape *Hatteras* and Cape *Cod*. And also said, That another Ship of 40 odd Guns, was to Sail in a few days after them and do the same. Capt. *Alpin* ransomed the Sloop for 800*l.* Sterling: His Mate *Philip Morys* left on board in Hostage till said Money is paid; many of the Privateers men spoke very good English, and suppose them to be Irish.

*New-York July 17th.* On the 11. instant *Moor Darril* Master, in a Sloop from *Curaso* Arriv'd here in about a Months passage, in whom came Capt. *Bay* who last Spring Sail'd from *Piscataqua* bound to *Barbadoes*, and was taken on the 3d of *March* last in sight of *Barbadoes* by young *Laroux* a French man, who carryed him in to *Martinico*, and stole him thence to *St. Thomas's*, from whence he got to *Curaso*, and so hither, and is now bound for *Boston*.

His Excellency has been pleased to appoint *Roger Mompesson* Esq. Chief Justice of this Province to the general Satisfaction of it. A Sloop *Andrew Law* Master is put up for *London*

**Advertisement.**

[Reprinted: the News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 5.]

**A. E.**

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** July 24. to **Monday** July 31. 1704.

**MH—AS—NY**

**[R]ETURN** to the half sheet folio is made with this issue. Foreign matter occupies the first page and a quarter of the second; mainly, under date *St. James February 21*, composed of loyal addresses to the queen from Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Sterling. The domestic news is again of unusual importance, embracing a proclamation of Governor Dudley "with respect to the circulation of counterfeit bills of credit on the Province;" record of the arrest of a band of counterfeiters and seizure of their plate and press; report from Marshfield of the death of *Peregrine White*, "the first Englishman born in New-England;" reports from New York of movements to strengthen the frontiers; and story of an expedition from South

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Carolina for Cuba and its defeat in a sea fight with a Spanish Ship.]

By His Excellency *Joseph Dudley* Esq. Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* in *New England*.

A PROCLAMATION<sup>39</sup>

**W**HEREAS it's manifest, That some evil minded Persons, designing to Cheat and Cousen Her Majesties good Subjects, have attempted to Counterfeit the Twenty Shilling Bill of Credit on this Province,

For the better Detecting of which wicked practice, and to prevent Loss and Damage to Her Majesties good Subjects, by taking any of the said false Bills,

I Have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to Notify all Her Majesties good Subjects, of the Deceit and Cousenage afore mentioned, That they may not be Imposed on thereby; And to Require all Persons, having any of the Twenty Shilling Bills of Credit in their hands, to offer the same to the View and Examination of the Commissioners that signed the Bills, or one of them; who will be present and attend at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, for that purpose, upon *Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday* weekly, until the last day of *August* next, *Viz.* on *Tuesday's* and *Saturday's* from Eleven to One of the Clock, and on *Thursday's* from three to five of the Clock afternoon; And will give them Assurance of their Bills being either good or forged.

And forasmuch as there must necessarily be a Combination of divers Persons in the said wicked Design of Forgery and Deceit; whosoever therefor shall make discovery of them so as to convict the Contrivers and Actors thereof, or any of them, the Person or Persons making such discovery, although themselves have been concerned therein, shall not only receive an Indemnity from any punishment, but also a Reward of *Fifty Pounds*, to be ordered and paid them out of the Publick Treasury.

*Given at the Council Chamber in Boston the 24th of July 1704. In the Third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady ANNE, by the Grace of GOD of England, Scotland, France and Ireland QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

By Order of the Gover-  
nour and Council.

*J. DUDLEY.*

Isaac Addington Secr.

*GOD Save the QUEEN.*

39 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . Vol. VIII, p. 431. See News-Letter Nos. 17, 57, 59, 60, 61, 82 (1705) post.

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of 3 men of War. On said Day arrived Cap. *Arian Claver*, Commander of a Dutch Privateer of 18 Guns, 120 men, fitted here and Sailed in the Spring, brought in two Spanish Prizes a Setty and a Sloop, on board of which are 100 Pipes of Canary-Brandy, 30 Pipes of Palm-Wine, 900 Jarrs of Oyl, 124 Bayls of dry Goods and Silks, 30 Slaves Negroes and Indians, &c. Which they took upon the Coast of *New-Spain*.

*Rhode-Island*, July 28. Capt. *Richard Simmes* in the Briganteen *Katty*, burthen 90 Tuns, Sails for *London* in about three weeks.

*Philadelphia*, July 20. Letters from *S. Carolina* acquaint us that the Latter end of *May*, That Province fitted out a Sloop and a Gally with 70 stout men well arm'd with Ammunition, and some Merchants at *Charlestown* fitted out another small Sloop with 45 men, the two Sloops Commanded by Capt. *Cock*, and Capt. *Williams*, designed for the coast of *Cuba*. Capt. *Williams* first Sail'd, and came up with a Spanish Ship from old Spain of 20 Guns and 16 Patteraroes; after some Debate boarded her, but found her very hot; They set her quarter on fire, then put off fearing they should burn with her, but the Spaniards put the fire out; after which they boarded her again, Whereupon the Spaniards on the Fore-castle cry'd quarter, but the Spanish Captain seeing but few enter with Capt. *Williams*, and seeing many dead and wounded men on the Sloops Deck, took courage and renewed the fight, and beat them off. Capt. *Williams* had 6 or 8 men killed and 12 wounded: They guess the Ship to be worth 50000*l.* The other Sloop and Galley not returned.

[No advertisements in this number.]

**N. E.**

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** July 31. to **Monday** August 7. 1704.

**MH—AS—NY**

[FOREIGN matter fills the first page and breaks into the second: a London item covers the celebration of the queen's birthday (in the preceding February) when "Her Majesty received the usual Compliments from the Nobility, the Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Quality of both Sexes; and there was a very great and splendid Appearance at Court." The domestic news is again important. Its principal feature is the account which is given by Colonel Church concerning the operations of the forces placed under

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his command in the expedition eastward, conducted against the French and Indians; and there is a report of an assault of the enemy on Lancaster. Other paragraphs cover reports of sea conflicts with privateers.]

*Boston*, By Letters to His Excellency of the 28. of *July* last, from Col. *Church* Commander in Chief of our Forces then at *Mount Desert*, acquainted, That on the 7 of *July* he with the Forces Landed again at *Minis*, burnt the remainder of the standing Fence and Houses, kil'd about 70 head of Cattel, besides Sheep and Hogs, cut down all their Damns, and Corn, destroyed their Gardens. The Col. and 300 men went to the upper River about 6 Leagues thence, called *Peiaygit*, where he burnt about 40 Houses, besides Out-houses, destroyed a great deal of Corn and Cattel; had a small Skirmish with the Enemy, wherein we had two Indians wounded. Our Prisoners report that a *Boston* Privateer took the *Canada Magazin*, at (*La Bays Verte*) to say the *Green Bay*, which is in *Canada* River, but 3 Leagues from *Syconecto* Church. The 17th Our Forces return'd from *Syconecto*. The Inhabitants being fled, met only with empty Houses to the number of 40, which we burnt, and kill'd above 200 head of Cattel, a great many Sheep and Hogs; a small party of the Enemy appeared behind a Fence, who fired briskly on our men, but were soon repulsed and beat off with some loss. On the 24. We came to *Passamiquadi* and met with Monsieur D. *Amboise* his Wife and Children, who says, That *Chartiers* his Wife and Children and two more that run from us here, and all the Indians fled to *Canada* as soon as we were gone, only and [an] old Indian and a Boy. On 28. we Arrived at *Mount Desert*, met one of our Vessels, one *Carr* Master, who acquaints, That wanting Firewood, near *Machias*, sent his boat on shoar with 4 men well arm'd, who contrary to their orders, went to a wrong place, Guns were heard go off, on which the Sloop hail'd in to the Shoar, found the Boat sunk, and one *Sargent* dead, whom they brought off, the other three not found, and whither kill'd or Captivated not known. There is brought to *Boston* about 24 Prisoners.

On Monday Morning past, The Enemy French and Indians, fell in upon *Lancester*, about some four hundred of them, assaulted Six Garrisons at once, where the People defended themselves very well; until assistance came in from all parts by the Governour's Order, so that in the Evening, there were three hundred men in the Town, And the Enemy was beaten off with loss, but are yet hovering on the head of those Towns, to make some further Impression, if not prevented.

On *Fryday* the 4th. Currant, arrived here *Thomas Jones*, Master

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of a *Pink*, burthen about 80 Tuns, being a *French Prize* taken by Capt. *Benjamin Gillam* in his Voyage from *Barbadoes* to *London*, in the Latitude of 48 about 350 Leagues to the *Westward of Silly*, has on Board about 40 Tuns of Salt, was bound for *New-found land*.

Entered Outwards, *Walker* for *Barbadoes*, *Carey* for *New-found land*, *Blew* for *Montserrat*, and *Shute* for *St. Christophers*. Coasters Inwards, *Amazone* from *Piscataqua*, and *Blin* from *Guilford*. Coasters Outwards, *Odiorne* and *Bracket* for *Piscataqua*. Forreign Inwards, *Collard* from *Antigua*. Permitted to clear Outwards, *Emes* and *Bennet* for *Barbadoes*, *Hill* for *Antigua*, *Sanders* for *Roanock*, *Balch* for *New-found-land*, *Eliot* for *Curaso*.

*New-London*, Aug. 3. Yesterday His Honour our Governour went in his Pinnace to *Hartford*, we are much alarmed by reason of a very great Ship and two Sloops said to be seen at *Block-Island*, and supposed to be French.

*Philadelphia*, July 27. On the 22d arriv'd Capt. *Wanton* in a Brigantien about 22 days Passage from *Antigua*, came out in Company with 6 Sail bound for *Bristol*, *Collard* for *Boston*, one *Pasco* for *N-York*, on 23d. dyed Mr. *John Bewlo* our Collector, and is succeeded by Mr. *John Moor*.

*Amboy*, June 29. On *Wednesday* last by an Express from *Monmouth* sent to His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury*, we were informed of a *French Privateer* that lay at *Sandy-hook*, who the night before had landed 24 men at *Neversinks*, & plundered two Houses; upon which news Cap. *Hamilton* ordered a strict Watch to be kept here, to prevent a surprise; & on *Thursday* night several Gentlemen came here, *viz. Messeurs Philip French, Glencross, Gordon, Richards, & Cap. Perkins*, who were Passengers on Board of Cap. *Sinclare* that came from *London*, & were that morning about 4 a Clock standing along the side of the *Hook* when they saw this *Privateer* whom they took to be an *Outward bound Vessel* from *New-York*. The *Privateer* fired two shots at them, having English Colours out; Cap. *Sinclare* endeavour'd to get from him and ran his Vessel on shore, but the Wind prevented, a man upon Shore pull'd off his Shirt, & made signs that the *Privateer* was a *Rogue*, upon which those Gentlemen got in to the Boat and escap'd and took in Cap. *Sinclare* who was extream ill, & landed at the Highlands of *Neversinks* where was a strong Guard; his Mate staid on board with some of the Seamen endeavouring to get the Ship within the hook but could not, & so jump't into the water, he & Capt. *Perkins's Son*, and swam on Shore when within Pistol Shot of the *Privateer*.

*New York*, July 31. On 20 Currant, *Simon Pasco* from *Antigua* bound hither was taken by a *French Privateer* of 14 Guns, 120 men

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and the buyer shall have all the Satisfaction he can desire about the Stilling.

N. E.

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday August 7. to Monday August 14. 1704.

NY-AS

[A CONSIDERABLE part of this issue is taken up with reports from Milan, Vienna, Portsmouth, Zurich and other points, concerning the war, and particularly in relation to carrying on hostilities in Germany. The domestic news includes a proclamation by the governor for the apprehending of Thomas Odell, "a chief contriver and actor" in counterfeiting a certain bill of credit on the Province.]

*Fyal, June 30:* The *Deptford & Lowstoff* Men of War bound home from *Guinea*, put in here ten days ago for Water; in their outward bound Voyage by contrary Winds fell in amongst the *Canary Islands*, and passing the Road of *Sancta Crux* the 13th of *November* last, espied several Vessels, went in under *French* Colours and brought out 5 Sail *viz.* 2 Galleons which they burnt off the Road, one Ship they sent home Loaden with Canaries & Logwood; The other two small vessels they carried with them, the one whereof was a *Dutch* built Dogger, burthen about 90 Tuns, on board whereof they put much of their Plunder & the *Lowstoff*'s Stores. Which Said Dogger ran away from them in the night, the 30th of *November* last, near Cape *DeVerd*, having 6 Guns & 4 Patteraro's mounted.

Capt. *Becilly* in the *Deptford* Sail'd from this Road 6 days ago in search of a *French* man who had lain 5 or 6 days off the Island, and the *French* man boarded him in the night, the *Deptford* pretending to run from him, but finding his mistake got from him and run for it, the Man of War being foul could not come up with him, but gaul'd him so that he has left the Island, and several of his men ashore on the Island of *St. Georges*.

The two Men of War will sail from hence to morrow with 5 Sail of Merchant men under their Convoy.

*Boston*, Capt. *Charles Stuckley*, Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstoff* has given an Account to His Excellency our Governour of the said *Dogger* being run away with sundry of Her Majesties Stores on board of her, by some of the Company belonging to the

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*Lowstoffe*; the names of whom are as follow, *viz.* *John Clark*, Master, married at *New-York*, *Zachariah Camble*, *James Miller*, and 7 others. And has prayed His Excellency's Assistance to cause them to be Apprehended, if they should happen to arrive within any part of his Government: Whereof notice is by His Excellency's Order hereby given to all Her Majesties Loving Subjects; And to direct them to *seiz* and secure the said Vessel and Company, or any of them, if so be they may be found.

By His Excellency, *Joseph Dudley* Esq. Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, &c. in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION for the Apprehending  
of *Thomas Odell*.<sup>41</sup>

WHEREAS *Thomas Odell*, a chief Contriver and Actor in the Counterfeiting of the Twenty Shilling Bill of Credit on this Province, and in uttering of the same; As also violently Suspected of making and uttering of base and counterfeit Money, or Coyn, is absconded and concealed; notwithstanding Hue-en-cry's and Warrants have issued to pursue after, and apprehend him, That he might be brought to Answer for his said vile and wicked practices.

I Have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to Issue this Proclamation hereby requiring all Officers, Civil and Military, and all other Her Majesties Loving Subjects, to apprehend and take into Custody the Body of the said *Thomas Odell*; withall Declaring, That whosoever shall Seize the said *Odell*, and render him to Justice, shall have the Sum of Thirty Pounds as a reward therefore, to be Ordered and paid out of the Publick Treasury.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the Eighth Day of *August*, 1704. In the Third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady *A N NE*, by the Grace of GOD of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland* QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c. By Order of the Governor and Council.

*Isaac Addington* Secr.

*J. DUDLEY*.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

The above-nam'd *Odell* is one of a middle Stature, slender & streight Body, black hair, thin vissage, holding his head somewhat on one side in his walk; who is known often to have changed his name.<sup>42</sup>

41 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: Vol. VIII, pp. 431-432. See News-Letter No. 15 *ante*, Nos. 57, 59, 60, 61, 82 (1705) *post*.

42 This memorandum was attached to the foregoing proclamation.

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By Letters from Col. *Partridge* acquainted, That Capt. *Allin* & his Company, in passing from *Northampton* to *Westfield*, to reinforce Major *Whiting*, The Enemy from an Ambuscado fired upon their Scouts, kill'd one man, & took two Prisoners, one whereof was wounded: The Company hearing the Guns, immediately turned out of the Road into the bushes, & had a small skirmish with the Enemy, kill'd 2 Indians, rescued one of our Prisoners, & took 5 or 6 Guns, & 9 or 10 blankets from the Enemy.<sup>43</sup>

On *Thursday* last, Col. *Church* Commander in Chief of our Forces at the *Eastward*, arrived here with part of the Forces; the other part at *Piscataqua*.

His Excellency, our Governour receiving Intelligence on *Saturday* night by the Post from *N-York* of the *French* Privateer (who took Capt. *Sinclare* mentioned in our last) his coming upon our Coast, sent orders to Capt. *Smith* in the *Gosport*, and Capt. *Southack* in the Province Gally next morning to Sail in quest of said Privateer.

Entered Outwards, *Mason* for *Curaso*, *Abbot* for *North-Carolina*, *Blower* for *New found-land*, *Holland* for *Maryland*, *Bridger* for *Antigua*, & *Evans* for *Madera*. Coasters Inwards, *Haughton* from *Rhode-Island*, *Vaile* from *Pensilvania*, *Smith* & *Gilbert* from *Saybrook*. Coasters Outwards, *De Grofe* for *New*, *York* *Codman* & *Cornish* for *Pensilvania*. Foreign Inwards, *Webber* from *Antigua*, *Price* from *Newfoundland* & *Buckley* from *Suranam*. Permitted to clear Outwards, *Balston* & *Davis* for *Barbadoes*, *Cook* for *St Christophers*.

*Philadelphia*, August 3. Yesterday arrived here Capt. *Puckle* from *London* about 14 weeks passage.

*N-York*, Aug 7. Yesterday our 3 Privateers return'd without seeing or hearing of the *French* Privateer, at the same time came in a Brigantine from *Nevis*, who on the last of July, 8 leagues off of *Sandyhook* was taken by the *French* Privateer, & Ransomed for 400 l. St. *Thomas* *Mony*, & say that the Privateer is gone for *Tarpolin* Cove, having sent Cap. *Sinclare*' Ship with 15 of his men to *Martinico* two days after they took her. The *Jersey* Man of War Sail'd on *Thursday* last, & returned last night with Cap. *Jeffries* from *London*, & to morrow Sails again in pursuit of the *French* Privateer. Last week arrived here two Sloops from *St. Thomas*'s in one of which came young *Laroux*, who is committed to Prison till His Excellency returns from *Albany*, for acting in the *French* Service.

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43 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 423.

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*New-London, Aug 9.* On *Thursday* last marched from hence Capt. *John Livingston*, with a brave Company of Volunteers English & Indians, to reinforce the Frontiers. Mr. *Jonas Clarke* is arrived from *Boston*.

*Stonnington, Aug. 10.* Here is a person apprehended & secured, for putting several Cheats upon some persons, and supposed to be *Thomas Odell* mentioned in the NewsPaper for Counterfeiting the *Massachusetts-Bays 20 s. bills of Credit.* “

*Rhode-Island, Aug. 11.* Mr. *Simmes* in the Brigantine *Katty* Sails for *London* with the first fair Wind. Capt. *Whitehorn* bound there also wants men.

### Advertisements.

~~NOT~~ THE Life of Justification Opened: Or, A Treatise grounded upon *Gal 2. 11.* Wherein the Orthodox Doctrine of Justification by Faith, and Imputation of CHRIST'S Righteousness, is clearly Expounded, Solidly Confirmed, and Learnedly Vindicated from the various Objections of its Adversaries. Whereunto are subjoyned some Arguments against Universal Redemption. By that Faithful and Learned Servant of Jesus Christ, Mr. *John Broun*, sometimes Minister of the Gospel at *Wamfrey in Scotland*: and Recommended by an Eminent Divine, Mr. *Melchior Leydecker*, Professor of Divinity in the University of *Utrecht*: As also well Approv'd of by the Reverend Ministers of *Boston* in *N-England*. To be Sold by *Benjamin Eliot*, at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in *Boston*: at a reasonable Price.

A Negro Man Slave to be Sold by Capt. *Wentworth Paxton*, and to be seen at his House in *Boston*.

[Reprinted: still-house to be sold, as in August 7.]

R. E.

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From *Monday* August 14. to *Monday* August 21. 1704.

NY—AS

[THREE columns of this issue are given to the address of the English house of commons to the queen concerning recent actions of the house of lords and differences between those

44 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . . Vol. VIII, p. 432. See News-Letter No. 15 *ante*, Nos. 57, 59, 60, 61, 82 (1705) *post*.

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two bodies. There is one column of domestic news, including the speech of Governor Dudley to the General Court, August 16.]

*His Excellency JOSEPH DUDLEY Esq. Capt. General and Governour in Chief in and over Her Majesties Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in N. England, &c. His SPEECH to the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Court Assembled at Boston August 16th. 1704.*

*Gentlemen,*

Since your last recess, the Forces Eastward under Col. *Church*, with the Assistance of Her Majesties Ships, have past thro' all the Eastern parts of *L'accadie* and *Nova-Scotia*, and have burnt and destroyed all the French Settlements except the Town of *Port-Royal*: And Kill'd their Cattel, & broken their Dams; and have brought home about 100 Prisoners, and a good Plunder: So that I am not sensible there are five Houses left in any part of the French Settlement out of sight of the Fort, or any manner of support for the Inhabitants; which was what we projected in the Spring. And the Forces are returned and disbanded without the loss of any more than Six men, for which we have all reason to render thanks to Almighty GOD.

You are further sensible of the Inroad made upon us at *Lancaster*, by about 300 French & Indians, where by the favour of GOD, we were so ready for them that we have lost no Garrison; and our Forces have press'd upon them so early and so diligently, that they are Marcht off after a two Months Expedition, without any further Triumph, Than that of three or four Children. And the Forces there of about 300 men under Major *Taylor* were also yesterday disbanded, saving what are necessary upon the Frontiers of *Middlesex* to Assist the Harvest.

I have also to Acquaint you, That we have lately discovered a number of ill men, Coyners of Money, & Forgers of our Bills of Credit, which are in Prison to answer; and tho' the Common Law will be sufficient to Impower the Judges for their punishment, yet I shall desire your Advice and Assistance for the prevention of such Villanies, tending so much to the ruine of Trade and the Publick Credit of the Government.

The Treasurers Accompts will be before you, & what is necessary thereupon, your last Order for the supply of the Treasury was mistaken and ineffectual, which you will soon perceive and rectify, That we may proceed in our payments.

I consider the season of the Year, & the necessity of my Putting the Province of *Main* into a new posture upon the return of the Forces from thence, & shall desire that three or four days may conclude this Session, the ordinary time of your meeting being so near.

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of Spain, Don Carlos III, against the duke of Anjou who was aspiring to the throne is given in full and occupies nearly two columns.]

*Jamaica, July 2d.* Our Coast is often infested with *French* and *Spanish* Privateers, who steal away our Negro's: And when we meet them they pay dear for their Insolence.

Eighty French and Spaniards some few Months ago Landed at *St. Maries*, on the North side of the Island, where Capt. *Nathaniel Brown's* Company quartered, and he chanceing to be there at that time; upon notice thereof, Immediately rallied together what men he could get, being but Sixteen of his own Company, and as many more of the Country, Marched towards them, Six tedious Miles thro' the Woods, where our guides brought him within 50 yards of the Enemy, before they discovered us: They had taken some Negro's and were going off to their Gally, when immediately Capt. *Brown* gave them Battel, and kill'd 35 of them on the Spot, and took 4 Prisoners. The Remainder made their escape in their Gally; and Capt. *Brown* had but one man shot in the breast in all the Incouter. Since which time they have made no attempt on that part of the Island; for which good Service he had the Governour and Councel's thanks.

We dayly expect a Fleet of Men of War, and some Land Forces from *England*.

Some says, That Monsieur *Decast* is ordered to Attack this Island, but we don't fear him.

*Boston.* An Act passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly, begun at *Boston* the 31th of *May*, 1704. and continued by Prorogation unto *Wednesday*, the 16. of *August* Currant, Against Counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Province.

On Thursday the 24th. The Weekly Lecture being turned into a Fast at the South-Meeting-house, at the close of the Forenoon's Sermon,<sup>45</sup> broke out a Fire in the Anchor Tavern<sup>46</sup> (near the Old-Meeting house) on the top of the Roof; occasioned by some unlucky Boys, who carryed some Coals up to the Turret, to Fire off a Pistol; which was by GOD'S good and signal Providence put out again, otherwise had proved of fatal consequence.

The *Gosport* Man of War, and the Province Galley returned on the 26 Currant from their Cruise, could hear nothing of the *French* Privateer.

Captain *Smith* in the *Gosport* Sails first fair Wind for *Piscataqua*.

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45 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 115, under date August .

46 The Blue Anchor tavern: on the present Washington Street, east side, about where the building of the *Globe* newspaper stands.

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tion. As in preceding issues there are the customary reports of military movements in letters of February and March from Paris, Hague, Vienna and elsewhere.]

*Boston*, His Excellency our Governor went on *Tuesday* the 22d of *August* for his Goverment of *New-Hampshire*, and returned on *Fryday* the 1st Currant.

Entered Outward, *Codman* for *Fyall*, and *Norris* for *Montserat*. Coasters Inwards, *Adolph* from *New-York*, *Bracket* from *Piscataqua*, *Loring* from *Saybronek*. Coasters Outwards, *Snell* for *Piscataqua*, *Smith* for *Connecticut*, *Parker* for *Pensilvania*, *Gilbert* and *Patty* for *New-York*. Forreign Inwards, *Tiler* from *Montserat*, and *Gardner* from *Fyall*. Forreign Outwards, *Welsh*, *White* and *Hobbs*, for *New-foundland*, *Rayner* for *Madera*, and Capt. *Ellery* for *Barbadoes*.

*Marblehead*, Sept. 2. Arrived here on *Thursday* last the *Arcana* Galley, [blank] *Murfee* Master, came from *London* about eight weeks ago, but last from *Plymouth* about six weeks Passage.

**Advertisement**

**A** Negro Man Slave to be Sold by Capt. *Wentworth Paxton*, and to be seen at his House in *Boston*.

**M. E.**

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**NY—AS**

[IN this issue are three and a half columns of foreign news. Letters from Rome, Hague, Ratisbon and Hamburg treat of the war, and particularly of affairs in Poland. There is the address to the queen, of the bishop, dean and chapter, and the clergy of the diocese of Chester, thanking her majesty for the provision made for the poor clergy; and also the address of the house of lords to the queen in relation to settling the succession of the crown of Scotland upon the Princess Sophia and her heirs Protestant. Only half a column is devoted to domestic news, most interesting of which is the account of the capture of a French vessel by a Maryland captain.]

*Boston*, Capt. *Smith* in Her Majesties Ship the *Gosport* will Sail

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for *England* again on the 1st of *October*, with what Ships are ready under his Convoy.

Entered Outward bound, *Bucklin* for *Suranam*, *Peacock* for *Jamaica*, *Pitts* for *Antigua*, *Mould* and *Perkins* for *Barbadoes*. Coasters Inwards, *Walter & Tiller* from *New-York* & *Holt* from *Saybrook*. Coasters Outwards, *Wyar & Jackson* for *Piscataqua*, *Snow* and *Allen* for *Connecticut*. Forreign Inwards, *Tomlin* from *Compeche*, *Brown* from *Madera*, and *Lanyon* from *North Carolina*. Forreign Outwards, *Holland* for *Maryland*, *Jacobs* for *Bristol*, *Selle* for *North-Carolina*, *Wyar Dutch*, and *Lasenby* for *Barbadoes*.

*Philadelphia, August 29.* By some Gentlemen arrived here last Week from *Maryland*, we have the following Account, That some few days before they came away, one *Richard Johnson* arrived at *Anapolis*, who last Spring in a Brigantine coming from *Barbadoes* bound for *Maryland* (where he belong'd to) was taken by a *French* Privateer and carried to *Martinico*. After he had been there some time, a Fleet sayling thence for *France* under a Convoy, They put said *Johnson*, another *Englishman* and a Boy on Board of one of the *Merchant* men in order to be carried to *France*; On board of said Ship there was also 9 or 10 *French* men. On their Voyage, said Ship was separated from the rest of the Fleet, which put the Prisoners on Consultation how to procure their liberty; in order to which, observing the Carpenters Chest stood upon the Deck, they took their opportunity and went to it, Mr. *Johnson* took out of it an agur Shank 4 foot long, the other Prisoner an Ax, and Mr. *Johnson* with his Instrument Knockt the *French* Captain on the Head, and threw him Overboard, after some small resistance made, the *French* men ran all between Decks, and cryed for Quarter, which Mr. *Johnson* gave them, none being killed but the Captain, the rest being 8 or 9 they brought with the Ship to *Anapolis*. The Prize is mostly loaden with Sugar and Ginger.

His Excellency Col. *Nicholson* Governour of *Virginia* arrived here this day. The Briganteen *Robert* and *Benjamin, John Guy* Commander is Loading for *London*, expects to Sail within a month.

*N. York, Sept. 4.* On the 29. last His Excellency the Ld *Cornbury* went for his Government of *New-Jersey*, and Arrived at *Burlington* on the 31. where his Excellency Col. *Nicholson* Governour of *Virginia* met him. On the 2d Instant was burryed the Reverend Mr *Prevet*, Minister of the French Congregation in this City; he was a Person of Eminent Piety, Virtue and Learning, who's loss is much Lamented

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by all good men that knew him.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

B. E.

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From Monday September 11. to Monday September 18. 1704.

NY-AS

[THIS issue begins with the address of the English house of lords to the queen, and her majesty's answer, under date St. James, March 31, 1704. From Edinburgh, April 1, is a report of the proceedings of the general assembly of the church of Scotland. From Hague, Turin and Vienna are reports of military movements. Under the Boston heading reports of the treaty between England and Algiers, the victory of the duke of Marlborough over the Bavarian forces at Schellenberg, a victory of the Portuguese forces over the duke of Anjou and the payment of ransom money by the cities of Bruges and Ghent are given; and it is added, "And of all abovesaid, We shall endeavor afterwards to give a more fuller account."]

*Boston, By a Letter to His Excellency our Governour of the 4<sup>th</sup>. of March last, from His Royal Highness Prince George of Denmark, Lt. High Admiral of England &c. Importing a Treaty lately concluded with Algiers by Rear Admiral Bings, One Article whereof is, That Certificate be given by the Governour of Her Majesties Plantations in America, &c. to the Masters of Merchant Ships built in the Plantations, and such Prizes as shall be taken. Which Letter His Excellency Communicated in Council the 14<sup>th</sup>. Instant, ordering the same to be made Publick, That all Masters of Ships and Vessels bound to any part of Europe, attend His Excellency for such Certificate Accordingly.*

Entered Outward, *Adolph* for *N. York, Deverne and Vincent* for *Virginia*. Coasters, Inwards *Phenix* from *N. York, Darby* from *Pensilvania, Lewis* from *Saybrook, Hall* from *N. Haven*. Coasters Outward, *Walters* for *N. York*, and *Vial* for *Pensilvania*. Forreign Inwards, *Carter* from *Nevis*, and *Bevis* from *Exon*. Forreign Outwards, *Andrews* and *Webber* for *Barbado's, Peacock* and *Vial* for *Jamaica*.

*Philadelphia, Sept. 7.* A Sloop from *Barbadoes* is arrived here, she put out to Sea by bad Weather, and left the Island the 26 of July: The Fleet for the Main were ready to Sail, and only waited

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for the Man of Wars coming in for their Convoy, *Codman* and *Cornish* are arrived here from *Boston*.

*New-York, Sept. 11.* Last week came in a Sloop from *Sandyhook*, & by her not coming up we were jealous of her being a *French Privateer*, and by direction of the Council, Capt *Rogers* Commander of the *Jersey* put 100 able men on board a Brigantin which was bound to *Suranam*, with hay on her quarter for a decoy; but she coming near the Sloop most of the men run ashore: The Sloop is a Prize of Capt. *Tongerlows*, she has nothing on board but about 600 of Cocoa, 40 barrels of Flower, and a few Hides.

*Ipswich, Sept. 16.* On *Thursday* last, Dyed the Rd. Mr. *William Hubbard*, Minister of the Gospel, Aged 83 Years. One of the first that took his Degree at *Cambr.* in *N. England*.<sup>47</sup>

### Advertisement

**L**ost on *Tuesday* last the 12 Instant at *Boston*, a small Guinea Dear's foot Tipt with Gold; whosoever shall find the same and bring it unto *John Campbell* Post-Master shall be sufficiently rewarded.

**M. E.**

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# The Boston News-Letter.

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**NY—AS**

**[W**ITH the exception of four short items of domestic news, the two pages of this issue are filled with reports of foreign affairs, for the most part relating to military movements on the continent of Europe. From Rome for the month of May, 1704, are reports of affairs at the Vatican.]

*Boston*, Entered Outward bound, *Norris* for *Montserat*, and *Richards* for *Jamaica*. Coasters Inwards, *Wells*, from *Guilford*, *Eliot*, *Plaine* and *Plumbe* from *Milford*, *Smith*, *Harris* and *Curtis* from *Saybrook*, and *Odiorne* from *Piscataqua*. Outward, *Gardner* for *Nantucket*, *Loring* for *Martha's Vineyard* and *Connecticut*, *Adolph* and *Van Newenhusen* for *New-York*.

*Philadelphia*, September 14. Four days ago arrived here *Parker*

<sup>47</sup> Author of the *Narrative of the Troubles with the Indians in New England from Its Planting of thereof in 1607, but chiefly of the late Troubles in the Two Last Years, 1675 and 1676*, to which is added a Discourse about the War with the *Pequots* in 1637. Also of the *History of New England to 1680*. See *Diary of Samuel Sewall* Vol. II, p. 116, under date *Thorsday, 7<sup>r</sup> 14th* [1704].

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from *Boston*, Mr. *Guy* in the *Brigantine* for *London* is near *Loaden*. *Governour Nicholson* sets out to morrow for *Virginia*.

*New-York, Sept. 18.* On the 16th: dyed *Matthew Ling* Esqr. one of Her Majesties Council for this Province. The *Jersey Man* of War Sails for *England* the 8th of *October*. Three Vessels from hence takes the benefit of her Convoy, *viz.* *Jeffers*, *Law* and *Coward* for *London*.

*Rhode-Island, Sept. 22.* This day arrived one *Brown* in a Sloop from *Fyall*, seven weeks passage, in whom came a Passenger that was at *Lisbon*: [Foreign news item follows.]

[No advertisements in this issue.]

R. E.

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NY—AS

[IN three columns and a half of this issue are advices from *Venice*, *Turin*, *Poland*, *Vienna* and *Portugal* for the month of *May*, 1704, all relating to the war on the continent. There is a half column of domestic news.]

*Boston*, From *Barbadoes* we are acquainted, that *Noyce*, *Andrews*, *Bridgham*, *Barns* were taken by the *French*, and 'tis feared that *Mr. Shearburn* also is taken, *Bears* taken coming from *Suranam*, *Rows & Foster* not Arrived, *Cravat & Scot* both arrived there. Several Vessels came out from *Barbadoes* in Company with ours that are arrived; Two of them for *New-York*, and several for *Philadelphia*.

Entered Outwards, *Darby* for *Jersey*, *Hoddy* for *Jamaica*, *Leach* for *Nevis*, *Sunderland* for *Barbadoes*, and *Turell* for *London*, Coasters Inwards, *Ware & Jackson* from *Piscataqua*, & *Newenhusen* from *N-York*. Coasters Outwards, *Hall & Holt* for *Connecticut*, *Halsy* for *N. York*. Foreign Inwards, *Cushing* from *Virginia*, *Pickman* from *Fyall*, *Wilson* and *Charnock* from *Barbadoes*.

*Amboy, Sept. 23.* On the 16th Instant dyed at *Burlington*, Capt. *Samuel Walker* Esq. One of Her Majesties Council for this Province.

*New-York, Sept. 25.* On the 21, & the 22d. Arrived here 2 Sloops from *Curacao*, *Daniel Dunskum* & *Rich. Creago* Masters, about 5 weeks passage, *Myn Heer Beck* was arrived there *Governour* from *Holland*, & in his passage took a *French Privateer* & a *French*

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Vessel bound from the *Streights to France*, and brought them into *Curacao*.

Col. *Townsend & John Leveret* Esqrs. Arrived here last week from *Rhode-Island*, & on *Fryday* last they sayled for *Albany*.<sup>48</sup>

The *Pensilvania* Post is Arrived, his Excel. the Ld. *Cornbury* has been at *Salem & New-Castle*; & was just arrived at *Burlington* when the Post came away, there is no News that way.

*Piscataqua* Sep. 28. Yesterday arrived here Cap. *Geerish* from *Lisbon* and *Fyall*, has on board about 80 pipes of Wine and 1000 Hogsheads of Salt.

*Cape-Anne* Sep. 29. This day arrived here Capt. *Alcock* from *Barbadoes*. And *Frost* for *Piscataqua* came out in Company with him.

**Advertisement**

Here is a Negro man taken up supposed to be Runaway from his Master, he is small boned, middle stature, small beard, gray Jacket, grey homespun kersey breeches, a Souldier's cap, no stockings, an old pair of shoes, calls himself *Sambo*, for paying the Postmaster for this Advertisement, the Owner may be informed where he is, and also upon paying the charge and reward for taking him up, may have said Negro again.

**M. E.**

**Plumb. 25.**

# The Boston News-Letter.

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**NY-AS**

[A COLUMN and a half on the first page of this issue is taken up with "Advice from London concerning the Camisars in the Cevennes for the Month of May, 1704." Following are advices, concerning the war, from Holland and the Netherlands, Venice and Riga for the month of May preceding, from Amsterdam and Turin for June, and from Lisbon under date of August 30. Nearly all the second column on the second page is devoted to domestic news.]

*Boston*, Entered Outward bound, *Ruggles* for *Barbadoes*, *Coffin*

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48 Colonel Penn *Townsend* and John *Leverett*, Esq., commissioners from *Massachusetts* to treat with the Five Nations. Reprinted from the *News-Letter* in Notes, in The *Acts and Resolves* . . . of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*: . . . together with later items [see *News-Letter* Nos. 25, 26, 27, 29 *post*] bearing on this matter, Vol. VIII, p. 453.

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for *Antigua*, and *Thomas* for *Suranam*. *Coasters* Outwards, *Jackson* for *Piscataqua*, *Newenhussen*, *Tiller* and *Phenix* for *New-York*. Forreign Inwards, *Smith* and *Alcock* from *Barbadoes*, *Green* from *Newfoundland*, *Cally* from *Fyall*, and *Moor* from *Lisbon*. Outwards Cleared, *Bridgar* for *Antigua*, *Watson*, *Perkins* and *Eyre* for *Barbadoes*, *David Mason* for *London*, and *Beavis* for *Exon*.

*S. Johns Newfoundland*, Sept. 21. On the 18th of *August* last, about 144 *French* and *Canada* Indians about 2 a Clock in the Morning in 2 Sloops and Canoo's, came to *Bonavist* Harbour, about 30 Leagues to the Northward of this Place, and surprised the *Pembroke* Galley of *London*, 250 Tons, 44 men and 20 Guns, *John Noll* Commander, Laden with dry Fish: And the Society of *Pool*, 140 Tons, 14 Guns and 24 men, Capt. *Auten* Commander, and also the *William*, about 115 Tons, 10 men, no Guns, having 30 Tons of Lamp Oyl on Board; They also attempted to surprize Captain *Michael Gill* of *Charlstown* in *New-England*, of 14 Guns, and 24 men, who discovering their Boat to be *French*, fired briskly upon them, kill'd and wounded some of them, so that they returned to the Prizes they had taken, & brought the great Guns of both Ships to bear upon Capt. *Gill*, and continued firing upon him with both great Shot and small Arms for the space of 6 hours, till his Ship was much Shattered: he on the other hand plying his great Guns and small Arms all the while upon them; during the Action, he had Veered his Ship somewhat to the Shoar, about 8 a Clock, when they found he would not be taken, they set fire to the *Society*, & cut her loose in a flame to drive upon him; but by the great diligence of Capt. *Gill*, he got clear of her, and she burnt to the Keel: finding that would not do, they set fire to the Ship *William*, and set her before the Wind, furiously burning to that degree, that the Lamp-Oyl burning in a flame on the Water, was like to have set him on fire, so that both he and his men laboured in the fire, and turn'd her clear of them.

And when the Inhabitants who had fled into the Woods and Rocks, saw Capt. *Gill's* Courage, they came down and appeared in a Body in Arms, which, when the *French* saw, they immediately Weighed and set Sail, and carried the Masters and men with them. And about 40 Leagues off, they gave the Masters and some of the men a Boat, who soon after returned, to whom the Enemy declared that had they taken Capt. *Gill*, they would not have left House, Stage, nor Goods in the Harbour; all which is owing under God to the Courage and Conduct of Capt: *Gill*. He had but one man kill'd and 3 wounded but the Enemy lost several, and several wounded.

*Piscataqua*, Octob. 5. Mr. *Pepperel* in a Ketch from *Newfoundland*, 10 days Passage arrived last night, and are acquainted by

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River, says will Sail directly on Saturday next. *Codman, Cornish* and *Parker* also fallen down the River all bound for *Boston*.

*New-York, Octob. 9.* On the 4th Instant, His Excellency, the Lord *Cornbury* arrived here from his Government of *New-Jersey*: The Assembly there are Dissolved (not having past one Act) and another Call'd to Sit the 9th of *November* next. Our Assembly here is Adjourned to *Thursday* next. Capt. *Peniston* in a Sloop with 70 men Sailed hence the 7th Currant on Privateering. The *Jersey* Man of War for *England* with the Vessels under her Convoy proposes to Sail this Week or the next. Yesterday Capt. *Sleigh* arrived from *Barbadoes*, and *Codman* from *Philadelphia*. The *Boston* Gentlemen are not yet arrived from *Albany*.<sup>50</sup>

Several Vessels are bound from hence to *Barbadoes*.

**Advertisement.**

A Convenient back-dwelling House with other Accomodations in *Pudding-Lane*<sup>51</sup> in *Boston* near the Post-Office, to be Lett; Inquire of *John Campbel* Post-master and know further.

**A. E.**

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[**F**OREIGN news paragraphs under dates *Vienna*, *Venice*, *Dresden*, *London*, *Hamburgh* and *Hague*, occupy the greater part of this issue. The domestic news relates almost wholly to shipping movements.]

*Boston*, Entered Outward Bound, *Richard Smith*, Briganteen *Happy Return* for *London*, *Obadiah Wakfield* and *John Pitts* for *Virginia*, *Andrew Stevens* for *Antigua* Foreign Inwards, *Parker* from *Pennsilvania*, *Goddart* from *Virginia*, *Pitman* and *Hunt* from *Nevis*, *Frost* from *Barbadoes*. Coasters Inwards, *Gardner* from *Saybrook*, *Dean* from *Salem*. Outwards, *Plumb*, *Curtice* and *Smith* for *Connecticut*, *Harris* for *New London*, *Flood* and *Amasine* for *Piscataqua*.

Capt. *Smith* in the *Gosport* Man of War with the Vessels under his Convoy, bound for *England*, lies in *Nantasket* Road, ready to embrace the first fair wind.

*Port-Royal*, in *Jamaica*, August 24. This day week Capt. *Liddel*

50 See News-Letter Nos. 24, 25 *ante*, 27, 29 *post*.

51 Pudding Lane: that part of the present Devonshire Street which lies between State and Water Streets.

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arrived from *Porto Bello*, after about three Weeks absence upon a Trading Voyage, he has made an extraordinary hitt, was received with great Civility, and his Interpreter presented with a chain with 40 Pistoles, & when unloaden they desired him immediately to be gone off the Coast, lest he should be surprised by a French Man of War then daily expected, which he accordingly did; and in turning up saw the *French* man a going down: Capt. *Brereton* Sails within 4 days for *Pensylvania*, Capt. *Venteman* and *Thacher* in a Week for *Boston*, and *Hull* this day for *Carolina*. *Port-Royal* notwithstanding the discouragement it has met with is rebuilding apace, and may be expected in less than two years, to be in as flourishing Condition as before the Fire.

*Philadelphia*, Octob. 13. *Jeremiah Beale* is just now arrived from *Boston*.

*New-York*, Octob. 16. On the 10th. Instant, Capt. *Thaxter* arrived here in 6 weeks from *Jamaica*, by whom we have advice that several Ships were Returned from the Coast of *New-Spain* with Mony for their Provisions and had made good Voyages. On the 12th. *Roland* arrived from *St. Christophers*, and on the 13th. and 14th. *Newenhusen* and *Dawson* from *Coruoca*, but bring not any News, also Capt. *Stanton* from *Nevis*.

A Sloop arrived here from *Albany* on Friday last, the Indians were not come when they left it, and they say it would be a fortnight before the *Boston* Gentlemen would come from thence.

The *Jersey* Man of War with the Vessels under her Convoy, 'tis said will Sail on Thursday next.

*Piscataqua*, Octob. 19. Yesterday arrived here *Almery* from *Antigua* 7 weeks Passage, and *Parker* from said Port in five weeks, says, That the Fleet for *England* would Sail about the middle of this month. Sundry Ships not like to be Loaden, no Privateers lately seen about the *Leward-Islands*.

**Advertisement**

[Reprinted: house in Pudding Lane to be let, as in October 16.]

**A. E.**

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**MH-AS-NY**

**T**HE first half of this issue is devoted to foreign matter, mostly reports from the duke of Marlborough's camps of July dates:

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the second half comprising much domestic news of exceptional importance including the speech of Governor Dudley at the opening of the General Court; reports of hostile Indians about the town of Groton; and report of the killing of the minister of Lancaster by the sentinel of the watch.]

*His Excellency JOSEPH DUDLEY Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, &c His SPEECH to the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Court Assembled at Boston, October 25; 1704.*

*Gentlemen.*

I Believe we are all sensible by this time of the benefit of the Expedition *Eastward*, in the Spring and Summer, the Effect whereof has been the quiet we have had in the Province of *Mayn*, and our other Northern Plantations; and the Care and Watchfulness we have used to the *Westward*; and the disappointment of the *French* and *Indians* at *Lancaster*, has given us the same Ease on that side; which yet we must not depend upon, but Expect a Winters March of the Enemy from both sides, which the *Eastern* part especially will be forced to for their own Subsistence, having neither Corn nor Hunting for their supply.

To prevent which, I think it necessary to Support the present numbers in the Province of *Mayn*, and the Frontiers of *Essex*, *Middlesex* and *Hampshire*, and to have a much greater Force in a readiness to receive any Impression of the Enemy in any of the Parts: And particularly to have *One hundred Men* sent to *West-Hampshire*, which joyned with the same number from *Connecticut* may be sufficient there.

I shall give you the present State of the Forces in the several Parts for this Winter Season, which I hope will be to your Satisfaction.

Mr. Treasurer will lay before you the State of your Affair's there: And I can Assure you that all possible Care has been taken in the Accompts and Musters, to Retrench the Charge, which I am sensible is heavy upon the Province: And while we are all Satisfyed in the necessity of the Service, and the just Expence of our Treasure, I doubt not but every thing will proceed cheerfully to a necessary supply, which this is the proper Season for.

I have to Recommend to you the Consideration of the Galley, which is our onely Force at Sea, and is found so very unfit for the Service, that every skilful Man of the Sea, and the good Commander we have in her, thinks it of absolute necessity that She be disposed of, and a better bought or built for that Service, especially at this time, when the *Gosport* is Commanded Home, which is the onely Ship of War, that has lately attended Her Majesties Service here.

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And *Gentlemen*, I think it my Duty to offer it to you, That you will shew your Respect to Captain *Smith*, Her Majesties Commander of that Ship now going home, That he be in some manner presented by the Assembly as an Acknowledgment of his very good Service here done to Her Majesty and this Province, in a three years attendance; which will shew our just Respect to Her Majesties Officers, coming for the Service and Security of Her good Subjects, and the Trade of this Province.

*Gentlemen,*

I shall shew my Readiness in every thing in Her Majesties Service, Importing the benefit of this Province, and desire you will proceed in this Session with all freedom and unanimity; That We may procure the blessing of Almighty GOD, and the favour of Her most Sacred Majesty. upon whom We have our just Dependance.

*Boston*, On Wednesday last Arrived Capt. *John Stevens*, in about three Weeks from *Nevis*; and five Weeks from *Barbados*: He came out from *Barbados* the 18th of *September*, with the Fleet bound for *England*, consisting of about a hundred Saile besides those for *N. England*, *N. York*, and *Pensylvania*, which Fleet came out under Convoy of three men of War, *Viz.* The *Blackwall* Commodore, the *Millford*, and the *Dolphin*; who in and about Ten days time Arrived at *Nevis*, and were there joyned by the *Sheerness* Galley and about 70 Saile more from the *Leeward* Islands, bound to *England*; the others bound for *N. England* are *Foster*, *Breed*, *Scot*, *Dearby*, *Parker*, (who is arrived at *Tarpolin Cove*) *Carlile*, *Cravat*, *Sill*, *Love* and *Jeffrey*, which last arrived on Friday last; *Pope* for *Chebacco*, *Ransford* for *Rhode-Island*, and several for *N. York & Pensylvania*. *Benjamin Thaxter* bound with the Fleet from *Barbados* to *London*, was taken by a French man in coming down to the *Leeward*.

*Lowder* from hence to *Antigua* was taken near *Antigua*. The *Linn* Man of War took a French man of 14. Guns, and about 100. Men, whereof were about 40 Creols.

Several of our Vessels bound home to *Barbadoes* in the Latitude near the Island took Capt. *Row's* Horses on board, and mann'd him double in order to defend them from any Privateer; And accordingly one came up with them near the Island, but seeing Capt. *Row's* so well prepared for a Fight, and to defend the rest of his Neighbours, the Privateer sheer'd off, and they got safe in.

On *Thursday* last at noon Sailed from *Nantasket* Road for *England*, The *Gosport* Man of War, Capt. *Smith* Commander with five Vessels under his Convoy. That night about three a Clock in the morning broke out a Fire in the House of Mr. *Henchman* Schoolmaster in the

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Back-street<sup>52</sup> at the upper-end of Mr. *Richards*' Lane in the *North-End* of *Boston*; which was happily put out and stopt from doing any other damage only to that house and the next adjoyning, two or three persons received some great hurt by the falling down of part of the gable end of the House in which the Fire begun. On Fryday last His Excellency issued forth a Proclamation Commanding all persons who in the hurry of the Fire had carried away any Goods, either from the house where the Fire broke out in, or the Neighbourhood; to bring said Goods to the house of Mr. Justice *Clark* in *Boston*, that the true Owners may have the same again; on penalty of being prosecuted as Thieves.

On *Wednesday* night an English man was kill'd in the Woods at *Groton* by the Indians which were afterwards descryed in the night by the Light of their Fires, by a Person Travailing from *Groton* to *Lancaster*, and judged they might be about Thirty in number; pursuit was made after them, but none could be found.

On *Thursday* night the *Reverend Mr. Gardner*, Minister of *Lancaster* was unfortunately Shot by the Sentinel on the Watch, supposing him to be an Indian climbing over the Walls of the Fortification; of which Wound he dyed in an hours space or little more.<sup>53</sup>

Entered Outward bound, *Wing* for *Jamaica*, *Cusben* for *Maryland*, *Bodwin* for *Curacoa*, and *Keirsteed* for *N. York*. Forreign Inwards, *Codman* from *Pensilvania*, *Reddock* from *St. Christophers*, *Marshal* from *Maryland*, *Hart* and *Alden* from *Nevis*, *Skiner*, *Perkins*, *Stevins* and *Jeffry* from *Barbadoes*, *English* from *Antigua*, and *Craige* from *Coratuk*. Forreign Outwards, *Doverin* for *Virginia*, *Collar* for *Antigua* and *Parker* for *Pensilvania*. Coasters Inwards, *Blin* from *Gilford*, *Jackson* from *Piscataqua*, and *Sanders* and *Bedgood* from *North Carolina*.

*Philadelphia*, Octob. 20. A Sloop from *St. Christophers* about 5 weeks passage, one *Matthew Gibson* Master, arrived here 4 days since, he was bound for *Boston*, but proving very Leaky put in here. And on the 18th a Sloop from *Barbadoes* about 29 days passage, one *Prat* Master, came out with the Fleet bound for *England*.

*New York*, Octob. 23d. On the 19th. Arrived here one *Bignal* of *Philadelphia* in 26 days from *Jamaica*, by whom we have advice, that Capt. *Manny* belonging to this place, was cast away in his coming out, upon *Porto Morant* Keys, the men all Saved. Capt. *Guy* from *Philadelphia* arrived here the same day in order to join the Convoy of the Jersey Man of War for *England*, who will Sail

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52 Back Street: that part of the present Salem Street which lies between *Hanover* and *Prince* Streets.

53 See *News-Letter* No. 31 post.

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the latter end of this, or beginning of the next week. Our Assembly has voted 1300*l* for the Frontiers. Outward bound *De Wandelaer* for *Jamaica*, *Rowe* for *Nevis*, *Beard* for *Carolina*.

*Rhode-Island*, Octob. 27. *Moses Butterworth* is arrived from *Barbadoes*, came out with the Fleet for *England*, and one *Hubbard* from *Antigua*, Capt. *Lawrence* is also arrived, and has took 2 Prizes on the Banks of *Newfoundland*, Loaden with Corr Fish, the one a Pink of 130 Tons, the other a square Starn 240 Tons, but neither yet arrived. Outward bound *William Wanton* for *Antigua*, *Joseph Borden* for *Pensilvania*, Capt. *Cranston* clears for *Barbadoes*

*Salem*, Octob. 28: Last night arrived *Richard Darby* from *Barbadoes*, came out with the Fleet for *England*, Capt. *Scot* is also arrived from thence at *Marblehead*.

[No advertisements in this number.]

P. E.

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[FOREIGN matters occupy only three-quarters of the first page. These embrace, under dates *Frankfort*, July 6, *London* July 11, accounts of the celebration of the "great victory lately obtained by the Confederate Army commanded by the duke of *Marlborough*, over the elector of *Bavarias* Forces at *Schellenberg*;" also addresses presented to the queen from "the Bishop Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, and of the Archdeacons and Parochial Clergy of the Diocese of *Chichester*," and of the "Bishop Dean and Chapter of *Hereford*, and Clergy of the Diocese of *Hereford*." The domestic news includes a proclamation by the lieutenant governor of *Pennsylvania* against "Immorality and Prophaneness." A Cambridge item reports an exciting fire at *Harvard College*.]

By the Honourable Colonel *John Evans*, Lieutenant Governour of the Province of *Pensilvania*, and Counties annexed. A PROCLAMATION, Against

IMMORALITY and PROPHANENESS.

WHEREAS it hath pleased Almighty God, from the Treasures of his Infinite Goodness, to extend his favours in an eminent degree, and pour down his peculiar Blessings upon this Colony, from the first Erecting thereof; as well by the bestowing a happy success on the Endeavours of its Inhabitants, and crowning what so lately was a Wilderness, with a large Affluence of the Necessaries and Comforts

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of Life; as by supporting it, in an undisturbed Peace and Tranquility during all the Commotions that have deeply afflicted other parts of the Christian World, and continuing to us the Enjoyment of those manifold Mercies, which rightly used, tend to make a People truly happy. All which Divine Bounties, as they loudly call for the most humble and hearty Acknowledgements; so they ought more deeply to impress a just sense of the great Obligations upon us, so to regulate our Lives, with care and circumspection, in a true Obedience and Conformity to God's holy Laws, that we may not instead of making grateful Returns, by Impiety or Negligence, provoke the just Anger of the Almighty, to withdraw his Divine Protection, and inflict on us the severe Chastisements of his just Displeasure. Notwithstanding all which, I cannot but be sensible, that too many, forgetting all those Obligations, that as persons professing the Holy Christian Religion, they indispensably lye under, have given themselves a Loose in their Lives and Conversations, and manifestly trampled on their positive known Duties, in many vicious Practices and Immoralities, to the great Offence of Almighty God, in the breach of his Divine Laws, as well as of our Civil Institutions, and to the scandal of sober Men, & great Discredit of this Government: Which Practice, if not timely prevented, may terminate in an utter Depravation of Manners, through the Encouragement taken from those fatal and pernicious Examples, by persons whose better Education and Inclinations might otherwise have restrained them, within the Bounds of Sobriety and Virtue; but from those many Instances set before their Eyes, are in danger of being hurried on, not only to their own Ruine, but of becoming Accessary to the incensing & drawing down upon us the Vengeance of Heaven.

In a deep Consideration of which, and to the end that all possible Discouragements may be given to the Growth of these Enormities; I have through a sense of the Duty I owe to God, and the care of the People committed to my Charge: By and with the Advice and Consent of the Council of this Province, and Territories, thought fit to Publish and Declare, That I will Discountenance and severely Punish all manner of Vice, Immorality and Prophaneness, in all persons whatsoever, within this Government, that shall be guilty of the same. And I do hereby strictly forbid all manner of Debauchery, Lewdness, Drunkenness, profane Swearing, Cursing, Rioting, breaking of the Sabbath, Night-walking at unseasonable hours, without lawful Business, and all other Disorders whatsoever that are contrary to the Duties of a Christian Life, & the Rules of true Virtue. And I do strictly Command and Require all Magistrates, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables and all Officers whosoever, and others Her Majesties good Subjects, that they not only be regular and

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circumspect in their own Lives, that by their good Examples, they may incite those that behold them to the practice of Vertue, but also that they be very diligent in the Discovery and effectual Prosecution of all Offenders, and that they rigorously put in Execution all the good and wholesome Laws and Ordinances provided against the aforesaid, and such other Immoralities, without favour, partiality or affection to any person whatsoever, as they will answer it to Almighty God, and incur my utmost Displeasure.

And for the more effectual Publication hereof, I do Requiere and Command the Justices of Quarter Sessions at their respective County Courts in this Government, & the Mayor and Recorder of the City *Philadelphia*, that they cause this my Proclamation to be publickly read in open Court, immediately after their Charge is given to the Grand-Jury.

Also that the Ministers of the Churches, and several Congregations within this Province and Territories, cause the same to be Read in the time of Divine Service, at their respective places of Worship, at least six times in every Year. And that they be very diligent in Discouraging all manner of Vice and Immoralities in their Auditors, in Exhorting them to the Exercise of Piety and Virtue.

Given at *Philadelphia* the Ninth Day of *October*, in the third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *ANN*, by the Grace of God, of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. And the twenty fourth of the Proprietaries Government, *Annoque Domini, 1704.*

*John Evans*

GOD Save the QUEEN.

*Boston, Entered Outward Bound, Tobias Green in the Mayflower, and Nicholas Parker in the Elizabeth for Jamaica. Forreign Inwards, Joshua Cornish in the Unity, from Pensilvania, Moses Sweet in the Tryal, and Moses Abbot in the Tryal from Coratuck, Nicholas Parker in the Elizabeth, and John Scot in the Unity from Barbadoes. Forreign Outwards, Nicholas Thomas Jones's Sloop Speedwell for Pensilvania, and Peter Leach in the Prudent Sarah for Nevis. Coasters Outwards Cleared, John Keirsteed in the Mary and Sarah for New-York, John Jackson in the Speedwell for Piscataqua, and Simon Grover in the Primrose for Connecticut.*

On *Fryday* night the 3d Currant returned from *Albany*, the Honourable Colonel *Penn Townsend*, and *John Leveret* Esqrs. Commissioners for a Treaty with the 5 Nations, with the other Gentlemen that accompanied them, all in good health, who have renewed the ancient Friendship with them.<sup>54</sup>

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54 See News-Letter Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27 *ante.*

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On Saturday arrived Capt. *John Foster, Breed & Carlile* from *Barbadoes*, and *Gould* from *Newfoundland*. Which last says, that the Fleet from thence to *England*, consisting of about 60 Sail, under Convoy of three Men of War, Sailed this day three weeks. This day also arrived Capt. *Ventiman* from *Jamaica* in about 5 weeks Passage, says, That *Judah Thacher* Sailed from thence for this place about nine weeks ago, who is not yet arrived.

*Marlborough, Octob. 26.* Yesterday the Reverend Mr. *Robert Breck* was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place.

*Cambridge, Octob. 29.* About 11 of the Clock in the morning<sup>55</sup> there happened a Fire in *Harvard Colledge* occasioned by a foul Chimney which took fire, and the soot being blown into the Pelfrey, fired some old Boards, and melted the Lead (wherewith the Colledge was covered) and then Fired the Planks; but one of the Tutors having the Key of the Scuttle which was lockt and barr'd was absent, wherefore 2 of the Students putting their backs to the Scuttle, forced it open, and threw water briskly, so that they quickly extinguisht the Fire, which otherwise had been of very ill consequence.

*Piscataqua, Novemb. 2.* On Monday the 30th last about break of day, the House of the Reverend Mr. *Nathaniel Rogers*, Minister of *Portsmouth*, was burnt to the Ground in a few minutes, his youngest Child, and a Negro Woman of Mrs. *Elatsons*, his Mother-in-law, consumed in the Flames, nothing saved but himself, his Wife, Mother-in-law, two Children, and the Servant-Maid, as they got out of Bed without Cloaths; Mrs *Elatson* saved the eldest Child by throwing him out of a Chamber Window into his Fathers Arms, and immediately thereafter Mr. *Rogers* got a Ladder for his Mother-in-law, and so got her out at the Window, who is much burned in her Legs & Arms, but think not dangerous to life. None can tell how this Fire came, most probably it began in their Kitchen; the Fire was so violent by reason of the high Wind, that had there been never so many People to quench it, and help to save the Goods, 'twere impossible to save anything.

*Philadelphia, Octob. 27.* On the 22d arrived here a Sloop from *Carolina*, *Robert Wright* Master, says, That a Flag of Truce was returned from *St. Augusteen*, was bound in over the Bar as he came out, but he could not speak with them, so knows not what News they bring.

On the 24. Arrived Capt *Terril* in a Brigantine from *Barbadoes*, carries 8 Guns, he came out in Company with the Fleet, with whom

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55 The word "morning" crossed out in the copy in the file of the Massachusetts Historical Society and "night" written over it.

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also came out 2 new Sloops belonging to this place, whereof *Hamerton* and *Wilson* Masters; who when the Fleet came to *Antigua* in the evening after they arrived, left them in order to make the best of their way, but next morning was in sight of a Snow, Captain *Lambard* Commander, being little Wind, with Rowing soon came up with them and took them both, and carried them in to St. *Bartholomews*, where was a Dutch Sloop with a *Dane's* Pass or Commission from St. *Thomas's*, a Merchant on Board bought *Wilson's* Sloop for 3500 Pieces of Eight, to be paid at St. *Thomas's*, *Hamerton's* Sloop, *Lambard* designs to go in himself; they were both excellent Sailors.

Several of the Passengers were put aboart *Wilson's* Sloop which was sent from St. *Bartholomews* to *Stacy*, from whence they got a Passage to St. *Christophers*, where they met with the Fleet again, and got a Passage on Board the above Brigantine hither.

Capt. *Henry Tregany* Dyed the last night.

An Act is past in *Maryland* for prohibiting the Importation of Bread, Beer, Flower, Malt, Wheat, or other English or Indian Grain or Meal, Horses, Mares, Colts or Filleys, or Tobacco from *Pensilvania*, and the Territories thereto belonging, under Forfeiture of the whole.

*Rhode-Island*, Nov. 3. There is one of Capt. *Lawrenc's* Prizes arrived, and this day came in Capt. *John Halsey* from *Boston*.

*New-York*, Octob. 30. The *Jersey* Man of War, with the Vessels under her Convoy for *England* will not Sail till the latter end of the Week.

**Advertisement.**

A Negro Woman Slave about 22 years of Age, to be Sold by Mr. *Nicholas Boone* Bookseller, and to be seen at the *London Coffee-House*, next door to the Post-Office, in *Boston*.

**A. E.**

**Plumb. 30.**

## The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** November 6. to **Monday** November 13. 1704.

**NY—AS**

[**L**ORD Cornbury's address to the General Assembly of the province of New York begins the first column of the first page. Following this is news from Lisbon concerning the armies of the allies in Italy, Hungary, Flanders and elsewhere. Domestic news fills nearly three columns. It includes, besides the address of Lord Cornbury, a proclamation by Governor Dudley for a General Thanksgiving, and an interesting variety of marine news.]

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His Excellency *Edward Viscount Cornbury*, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Her Majesties Colony of *New-York*, and Territories depending thereon, &c His Speech to the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Assembly, now Sitting in the City of *New-York*, upon *Thursday* the 12th of *October*, 1704. <sup>56</sup>

*Gentlemen,*

**T**HE Assembly of *New-Jersey* having detained me some days longer than at first I intended, & the season of the year being so far advanced, are the Reasons which induce me to recommend to your Considerations for this Session, as few things as may be; and indeed the two chief things which I most earnestly recommend to you to be provided for at this time, are, The low Condition of the Revenue, and the Defence of the Fronteers.

I did in *June* last, recommend to you, *Gentlemen of the House of Representatives*, to lay an Additional Duty on certain Commodities, which had been granted by a former Assembly of this Province, but expired. When I recommended that to you, I did it as a thing which in my Judgment would in some measure help the Revenue, without being any burthen upon the People. Some Gentlemen were then of Opinion, that such an Additional Duty would be a Clog upon the Trade of this Place; if they have taken the pains to inquire into that matter, I don't question but they will be of another mind, for my part, I did inquire of some of the most considerable Merchants of this City, who told me that such a Duty would have been rather a help, than a hindrance or clog to the Trade of this Place, being well perswaded that those Gentlemen were right in their Opinions. I once more recommend the consideration of such a Duty to you, or else that you will consider of some other method to enable her most Sacred Majesty the Queen, to support the necessary Charges of the Government, which the present Revenue will not do. The next thing is the Defence of the Fronteers of this Province, in order to that I did in *July* last order a Detachment of an hundred men out of the Militia for that Service, the greatest part of that number did go up to *Albany*, and have been posted in the places most convenient for the Defence of the Country, which has kept us quiet this Summer; I think they ought to be kept there till the last day of *March* next, at least, and that some Out-Scouts should be raised for this Winter; I therefore recommend it to you, *Gentlemen of the House of Representatives*, to prepare such a Bill as may raise a Sum sufficient for the paying

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56 In Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York, Vol. I, p. 192.

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the men that have been sent up, and for the Out-Scouts, with such contingent Charges as may be necessary for their going to *Albany*, and returning home again If there is any thing else that may be reasonable to be Enacted at this time, you shall find me ready to embrace all occasions of doing such things as may be for the good of her Majesty's Subjects in this Colony. I have nothing farther to recommend to you at this time, but Unanimity in your Consultations, and dispatch in the Matters before you.

*Lisbon, August 30. . . . we hear the French have taken the Coventry bound for Virginia and Newfoundland, and 4 or 5 Merchant Ships under her Convoy.*

*Madera, September 28.* A Sloop from *Philadelphia*, *William Wade* Master, arrived here about a Week ago, who the day before she arrived, met with 2 Sally Men of War in sight of the Island, who pretended a great deal of friendship for the *English*, and were so kind as that they took only some odd things from them. They also told Mr. *Wade*, That an *English* Man of War, of about 40 Guns they met with in the *Streights* told them, That our Fleet had lately burnt and destroyed ten, and taken five Capital French Men of War in the *Streights*.

*Barbadoes, September 14.* His Excellency our Governour has issued forth a Proclamation Commanding and Requiring all Masters of Vessels during the War, that they should keep all their Letters in a Bag with weights to them, that in case they should meet with, or be Pursued by an Enemy, they might have them in a readiness to sink them; on forfeiture of a certain Sum in case they did not. Which Proclamation was ordered to be Read in all the Parish Churches of the Island.

By His Excellency, *JOSEPH DUDLEY*, Esq<sup>r</sup> Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay, &c.* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION for a General THANKSGIVING.<sup>57</sup>

WHereas it has pleased Almighty GOD to Prosper the Armes of Her Sacred Majesty and Her Allies, with Victory over their Enemies in the Summer past; And of His Infinite Goodness to extend His Favours towards this Province in divers signal Instances thereof; In def[e]ating and disappointing of the Combinations, and the Expeditions of the Enemy against us, And the good Success given us against them, by delivering so many of them into our hands; In Granting us a good Harvest, notwithstanding the Drought, which so much threatened

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57 Reprinted from the News-Letter, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 419.

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*us; In continuing Health in the midst of us; And the Priviledges and Advantages of Religion; Every of which undeserved Mercies demand most Grateful Returns to Him who is our great Benefactor.*

I do therefore, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, and at the desire of the Representatives, Order and Appoint *Thursday* the *Twenty-third* of this present *November*, A Day of General *THANKSGIVING* throughout this Province, Inhibiting all Servile Labour thereupon; And Exhorting both Ministers and People in their respective Congregations and Assemblies, to Celebrate the Praises of GOD, for all His Benefits and Blessings, And to devote themselves a Thank-Offering to Him in a right Ordered Conversation.

*Given at the Council Chamber in Boston the Eighth Day of November, 1704. In the Third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady ANNE, by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c:*

By Order of the Gouvernor  
and Council.

*Jsaac Addington Secr.*

*J. DUDLEY,*

*GOD Save the QUEEN.*

*Boston, Entered Outward Bound, William Goddard in Sloop Speedwell, and James Updick in Sloop Elizabeth, for Madera, Daniel Marshal in Sloop Mary, & John Ventiman in Martha and Elizabeth for Jamaica, Joseph Dean in Briganteen Dragon for Surranam, Thomas Ball Sloop Elizabeth for Monserrat, John Foster, Ship Sarah, Newcomb Blague, Ship Friendship, John Carlile, Brigantine Swan, John Robinson, Brigantine Dragon, William Skinner, Sloop Dove, and Thomas Barns in Sloop Endeavour for Barbadoes, Coasters Inwards, Carteret Gillam Sloop Tryal, and Richard Hall in Sloop Lyon from Saybrook. Coasters Outwards, Samuel Prince Sloop Adventure for Milford, and Jacob Parker, Sloop Endeavour for Piscataqua. Forreign Inwards, John Love, Sloop Dolphin, and Ezekiel Cravate, Ketch Dolphin from Barbadoes, and Peter Coffin, Ship Pelican from Madera. Forreign Cleared Outwards, John Hoddy for Jamaica, John Tucker, Briganteen Sarah for Barbadoes, Jonathan Evans, Providence Galley for Fyall, Thomas Ball Sloop Elizabeth, and William Cook, Briganteen Defiance for Monserrat.*

It's said, There are some Horses, Barrels and Lumber come on Shoar at Nantucket from some Vessel lately Cast away.

*Tisbury, on Martha's Vineyard, Nov. 6 1704. The Reverend M. Josiah Torrey was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place, upon Wednesday, the 18. of October last.*

*New-York, October 6th. 1704. On Saturday last arrived here a Sloop from Curacao, Andrew John Master, in a Month, and brings*



What will their flag & baggage of Goods, with a provision  
of 400000 £ to be given when back to, for further supplies  
from ~~the~~ <sup>200000</sup> Spanish Soldiers landed by in Pairs of Ships  
of war who pay his men out of 4- hours mouth to prevent  
provisions going to their wharf. The people being not  
of the full & their want of provision forced them to  
abandon their ship & to depart by  
all day 12 & if any of their Ships should of a S. mouth  
the R. & have water to depart in peace.

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Set of papers & when not w<sup>t</sup> a Spanish man of war of 20.  
gun impregnable for four hours & fought by way their of block  
ships in the Collision being beaten by provision but to force us  
to give up before he came this is p. <sup>the</sup> Settlement of us for the

Yours sincerely

After much I beg  
you to favor to send  
a copy of paper written <sup>2</sup> (Castro)

with thanks

Edward

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AUTOGRAPH LETTER OF DUNCAN CAMPBELL

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News that 10 *French* Men of War, and two Bomb Vessels were expected at *Martinico*, commanded by Monsieur *De Caese* [*Du Casse*], and that two light Frigots of the ten were already Arrived there. That the Governor of *Curacoa* has ordered all the Inhabitants of that Island to be provided with Water for three Months.

Capt. *Tongerlou* is coming hither a Passenger in Captain *Basset*. Capt. *Stephens* who was Commander and part Owner of his Privateer Sloop is got to *Curacoa*, and has taken Possession of her.

The *Jersey* and the Vessels under her Convoy lye at *Jacques Bay*, the Captain and Passengers are going on Board this day and will Sail with the first fair Wind. Our Assembly is just now Dissolved.

His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury* designs for his Government of *New-Jersey* to morrow morning.

Capt. *Morrison* came from *St Thomas* the first of *October*, Capt. *Eliot* in a Ketch from *Boston* was arrived and was to Sail a few days after him. *Laroux* was last week Tryed for *Pyracy*, and acquitted, three Evidences *viva voce* proving him to be *born in France*.

*Rhode-Island*, November 10. There is arrived here one *Harris* from *Antigua*, bound to *Boston*, as also *Robert Smith* in the Brigantine *Dragon* six weeks passage.

Yesterday the Court of Admiralty was held here for the Condemnation of Capt. *Laurence's* Prize, and she was Condemned; And on Wednesday the 22d Currant will be exposed to Sale, together with all her Guns, Rigging, Ammunition and furniture; As also her Loading of Mud Fish and Salt: The Ship is about 120 Tons, 8 Guns; An Inventory of which will be seen at Mr *William Bright's* house in *Newport*.

### Advertisements.

**S**TOLLEN on Saturday the 4th Currant, from Mrs *Susanna Campbell* Widow<sup>ss</sup> in *Boston*, a Silver Tankard, that holds about two Wine quarts, has Sir *Robert Robinson's* Coat of Arms engraven on the fore-part of it, wherein are three Ships, and the Motto in Latin. Who[soe]ver can give any true Intelligence of the same, so as that the Owner may have it again, shall be sufficiently rewarded.

**R**AN-away on Wednesday last, the 8th. Currant from his *Master* in *Boston*, a Sirranam Indian Manslave, named *Prince*, aged about fourteen years old, black short hair, markt upon his breast with the Letters *AP* joyned at the foot: has on a black broad Cloath Jacket, under that a frize Jacket and Breeches, a Crocus Apron, gray yarn Stockings and Mittens, and a speckled Neckcloth: Speaks

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little or no English. Whosoever shall take up and apprehend said Indian Boy, and him Convey to *John Campbell* Post-master of *Boston*, or give any true Intelligence of said Boy, so as his *Master* may have him again, shall have a sufficient reward.

**A** Negro Woman Slave about 22 years of Age, to be Sold by Mr. *Nicholas Boone* Bookseller, and to be seen at the *London Coffee-House*, next door to the Post-Office, in *Boston*.

M. E.

Numb. 31.

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[A N instalment of "The King of Portugals Declaration, with his Reasons for entering into the Grand Alliance," fills the first and breaks into the second page of this issue, with the editorial note: "We must here break off till our next." The domestic news includes the detailed account of the killing of the Reverend Mr. Gardner at Lancaster.]

*Boston*, In our Numb. 28. As we then received it, we gave you the Account of the Death of the Reverend Mr. *Gardner*, Minister of *Lancaster*; and having since had a perfect and exact Account of the same, from Eye and Ear Witnesses; we thought it expedient to insert it here, to prevent various reports thereof: And is as follows

That a man being Killed the day before betwixt *Groton* and *Lancaster*, and the Indians having been seen the night before nigh the Town) Mr. *Gardner* (three of the men belonging to his Garrison being gone out of Town, and two of the remaining three being tyred with Watching and Travelling in the Woods after the Indians that day) being a very careful as well as courageous man, concluded to Watch that night himself; and accordingly went out into the little Watch-house that was over one of the Flankers, and there stayed till late in the night, whence and when he was coming down (as it was thought) to warm him, the man that shot him, who was not long before sleeping by the fire, came out, and whether between sleeping and waking, or surprized with an excess of fear, fired upon him as he was coming down out of the Watch-house through a little Trap door into the Flanker, where no man having the exercise of his Reason could suspect the coming of an Enemy, or suspect him to be so, when in a clear Moon light night he was so nigh him, Mr. *Gardner* (though his Wound was in his breast being shot through the Vitals) came to the door, bid them open it for he was wounded; after he came in he fainted

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away, but coming to himself again, asked who it was that Shot him, and when they told him he prayed God to forgive him, and forgave him himself, for he believed he did not do it on purpose; and with a composed Christian frame of Spirit desired them that were bitterly lamenting over him, not to weep but to pray for him, and comforted his sorrowful Wife, telling her he was going to Glory, advising her to follow him; and in about an hour Dyed, leaving his sorrowful Friends to lament the loss of so worthy and desirable a Person.<sup>59</sup>

Mr. Eliot is arrived at *Marblehead* this week from St. *Thomas's*, says, That Capt. *Ellery* from *Boston*, *Shapely* and *Hill* from *New-London*, was taken into *Martineco*. That a *Dutch* Privateer had brought in to St. *Thomas* 4 or 5 *French* Prizes.

On Saturday our Assembly was Prorouged until the sixth of *December* next.

Three *French* Men that came in Capt. *Lawrence's* Prize to *Rhode-Island*, say, That in *July* they came from *Rochel*, under the Convoy of a Flyboat of 700 Tons, between 50 and 60 Guns, and 2 Merchant men of 14 Guns, about 120 Tons each. One of which with the Flyboat was Bound with Stores and Ammunition for *Canada*, which Flyboat had on board a Bishop, 6 or 7 Priests and a great many Passengers, and a great Sum of Mony to pay off the Souldiers. The other Merchant Man with Stores was bound for *Placentia*, and about 400 Leagues to the Westward of *Rochel*; they met in *July* last with an English Fleet consisting of about 120 Sail, under Convoy of 5 Men of War, the Ship in which these *French* men was, made her escape, and also that for *Placentia*, whom they afterwards met upon the Banks. But the great Flyboat they saw engaged between 2 *English* Men of War, and heard the Guns plying from 10 a Clock in the Morning to 12 a Clock in the Night, and suppose she was either taken or sunk.

On Saturday arrived one *Johnson* in a Briganteen from *Plymouth in England* about 7 weeks Passage, came out under Convoy of the Advice Man of War a 4th Rate of 50 Guns, Captain *Morris* Commander, and the *Strumbele* a 5th Rate, Convoy of some Ships for *Virginia*. There came out with them the two Mast Ships for *Piscataqua*, viz. The *New Hampshire*, Capt. *Easson* Commander, and the other the *Thannet*, with several other Vessels for this Place, viz. Capt. *Wentworth*, *Taylor*, *Balston*, *Pitts*, and two other Vessels belonging to *England*. There came also out with the above Convoy Capt. *Deheart* and *Bond* for *New-York*, and Capt. *Robertson* for *Pensilvania*, and several for *Virginia*.

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59 Reprinted from the News-Letter, together with the item in No. 28 in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 506-507.

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Several Men of War came out in Company for *Lisbon*, of whom Admiral *Whetston* was Commodore, Admiral *Whetston* Retook a Vessel from the *French*, that was taken bound home from *Virginia*.

The Advice Man of War took a *French* Banker on the Banks of *Newfoundland*. The Brigantin in which *Johnson* came, was one of the last Vessels that kept Company with the Advice, and parted with him three weeks ago, who was then in Chase of a Vessel he saw.

And by Master and Passengers we are acquainted, . . . [items of foreign news.]

The *Virginia* Fleet was save Arrived in *England*, excepting one of the Men of War Convoys was taken in the Channel giving Chase to some Ships she saw, that were French men of War.

That our *Virginia* home bound Fleet, took a great Flyboat bound to *Canada*, with Stores of Ammunition, and a great deal of Money; said to be a very Rich Prize; and was carryed in to the *Downs*.

That our Fleet in the *Streights* had an engagement with the *French*, and worst them.

Capt. *Welch* from hence was taken.

Entered outward bound, *James Berry* for *Barbadoes*, *Jeffry Bedgood* for *Curaso*, *John Pullen* for *Jamaica*, *John Webster* for *Coratuck*, and *Zachariah Alden* for *Antigua*. Coasters outwards, *James Blin* for *Rhode-Island*, and *Christopher Amazon* for *Piscataqua*. Forreign inwards, *James Calley* and *William Goddard* for *Madera*, *John Mason* and *Richard Thomas* for *Sirranam*, and *James Bodwin* for *Jamaica*.

*New-Castle* in *Piscataqua*, Nov 16. 1704. The Reverend Mr. *John Emerson* was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place, upon *Wednesday* the 8th Instant.

### Advertisements.

There is now in the Press, and will speedily be Published Mr. *Clough's Almanack* for the Year 1705. Diligently Calculated according to the Doctrine of *Scientia Stellarum*, the latest Tables now extant; to which is added an Appendix of the Effects of the Eclipses and Conjunctions of the Superiour Planets, with a compleat Chronology of very Remarkable Things from the beginning of the World, to the year 1705. Also an account of the variation of the Ebbing and Flowing of the Tides; together with a new Account of the Rhodes to Cape Harbour, with the East and West: With other things useful and very necessary.

There is lately Published, A Book Entituled, *A Discourse on the Holiness of the Sabbath Day*. Being a Sermon Preached at *Boston, New-England*, October 29th. 1704. By *Jer. Dummer, A. L. M & Philosop. Doct.*

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Both to be Sold by *Benjamin Eliot* at his Shop at the West-End of the *Town-House* in *Boston*.

**T**He *Eastern* and *Piscataqua* Post sets out from *Boston* every *Monday* night at seven of the Clock, and all Persons are desired to bring their Letters to the Post-Office before six a Clock.

The *Western* Post not yet come in.

**R. E.**

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**MH—AS—NY**

**[**OREIGN matter occupies all of this issue except a little more than a quarter of a page. Another instalment of "The King of Portugals Declaration" is given, and the other foreign advices include reports from the duke of Marlborough's camp of July 6, 9 and 13 dates. In the domestic news is a report by an express from Albany to New York, as brought by an Indian from Canada, of preparations in Canada for a French and Indian winter attack upon some point in the colonies not named.]

*Boston*, We are acquainted from *London*, that *Sims* or *Flins* from *Rhode-Island*, and *Chester* from *New-London*, both bound to *London*, were taken by the *French*; and that *Capt. Davison* from *New-York* to *London* was arrived there.

Entered Outward Bound, *Thomas Lanren* for *Carolina*, *John Hobbs* for *Antigua*, *John Henderson* for *Saranam*, *Ezekiel Cravat* for *Lisbon*, and *Nathaniel Green*, *David Craige*, and *Samuel Brice* for *Barbadoes*. Coasters Outwards, *Peter Coffin*, and *Richard Hall* for *New-Haven*. Forreign Inwards, *Capt. John Wentworth*, *Capt. Christopher Taylor*, and *William Dean*, from *London*, *Nathaniel Eliot* from *St. Thomas*, *Nicholas Laurence* from *Berwick*, *Richard Shortridge* from *Fyall*, and *Thomas Sill* from *Antigua*. Forreign Outwards, *John Webber* for *Coratuck*, *Jeremiah Cusking* for *Virginia*, *John Wing*, *Daniel Marshal*, *Henry Tew* and *John Dimon*, for *Jamaica*, and *Stephen Codman* for *Fyall*.

*Marble-head*, Nov. 25. On *Wednesday* next Sails from hence to *Portugal*, *Capt. John Miles* in the *Swallow* for *Lisbon*, *Capt. Richard Murphey* in the *Arcana Galley* for *Leghorn*.

*New-York*, Nov. 13. On the 7th Instant, His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* went hence to his Government of *New-Jersey*.

On the 8th Current, The *Jersey* Man of War with the Vessels under her Convoy Sailed from *Sandy-hook* for *England*.

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The *Pensylvania* Post is not yet come in.

Last night came an Express from *Albany*, & brought an Account, that an *Onnendage* Indian was arrived from *Canada*, & gives an Account, that an Army was preparing with great vigour to make an Attack this Winter over the Ice, but on what place was kept secret.

*St. Johns Newfoundland, Octob. 24.* Four days ago came here 7 *French Souldiers*, who 10 days before had deserted at *Placentia*, & were kindly received by the *Commadore*, who carried them for *England*, which *Deserters* say, that sundry others of the best of that *Garrison* would quickly follow, because of hard usage, want of pay, & scarcity of Provisions. On the 22d Instant, our *Governour* had certain advice, that 11 more of said *Garrison* was come to *Carbonier*, who had Surrendred themselves & their Arms, & were ordered by the *Governour* to be brought hither, of whom there was 2 *Seargents*, 1 *Gunner* & 7 common *Souldiers*, and confirm what the others say of a great Scarcity at *Placentia*.

*Piscataqua, Nov. 23.* This Week arrived here from *England*, Capt. *Morris* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Advice*, with the *New-Hampshire*, and *Thanet*, Mast-Ships under his Co[n]voy.

The *Eastern Post* sets out every *Monday* night.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

R. E.

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NY—AS

[IN the first column of the first page is more of the declaration of the king of Portugal, continued from the issues of November 20 and 27. From Hague, August 18, there is a report of the battle of Hochstedt or Blenheim, and from Windsor, August 13, the letter of the duke of Marlborough to the queen announcing that victory. There is a little more than a column of domestic news. This includes a proclamation by the governor regulating the transmission of letters to Europe "during the continuance of this war."]

*Boston, On Sabbath, the 26 of November, about 6 of the Clock at night, Dyed Major Benjamin Davis aged 56 Years and 4 months, and was decently Interr'd on Thursday the last of November, being attended with the Regiment in arms.<sup>60</sup>*

<sup>60</sup> Major in the militia: captain of the Honorable Artillery Company 1686. See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 118, under dates Novr 26, Novr 30.

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On *Wednesday* the 28th of *November*, His Excellency our Governour Issued forth a Proclamation, That whereas the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province was by Prorogation to Sit at *Boston* upon *Wednesday* the 6th day of *December*, His Excellency has been pleased further to Prorogue the said Assembly unto *Wednesday* the 27th Day of *December* Instant, at ten a Clock in the Forenoon.

On *Thursday* the 30th *November*: In obedience to Her Majesties Express Command, for the better preventing of the Enemy gaining Intelligence of the State of the Plantations, by Letters from private persons there to their Correspondents in *England*, taken on board Ships coming from the Plantations & carried into *France*, which prove of dangerous consequence,

His Excellency, our Governour, with Advice of Her Majesties Council has issued forth a Proclamation, directing & ordering all Masters of Ships & other Vessels Sailing from any part or place either of this Government or *New-Hampshire* during the continuance of this War, bound for *Europe*, or to any other of Her Majesties Plantations abroad, to have a bag to receive all Letters that shall be sent by them, with a sufficient weight therein to sink the same immediately in case of imminent danger from the Enemy, & that they sink them accordingly; That they suffer no Letters to be carried in their Ships or Vessels, but what are put in the common bag; That all Merchants and other private persons be very cautious of giving any Account by Letters of the Publick State & Condition of these Plantations.

That none of the *French* Nation residing here, inhabitants or others, do convey or put any Letter into the common bag, or on board any Ship or other Vessel, without presenting them to the Governour or Commander in Chief for the time being, for his perusal; & that none such be received by any Ship-Master or others, before they have been perused as aforesaid, & so notified. That none of Her Majesties Subjects, Merchants or others, do put any Letters from any *French*-man, under their cover to elude the intent of this Proclamation.

Entered Outward Bound, *Bucklin* for *Antigua*, *Robert Gould* for *Coratuck*, *Nathaniel Eliot* for *Montserat*, and *James Bridgarn* for *Barbadoes*. Co[a]stars Outward, *Almy* for *Rhode-Island*, and *Brackett Wells* for *Piscataqua*; Forreign Inwards, *Nathaniel B[al]ston* from *London*. Forreign Outwards, *Joseph Arnold* for *Carolina*.

*Marshfield*, Nov. 29. On Sabbath last was put on Shoar here, *Abraham Gordon* from *Fyall* in the Easterly Storm of Snow, we hope he'll save the Vessel and Cargo, except the loss of her Masts, and some small damage.

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✓ *Philadelphia, Nov. 15.* About three weeks ago, The State-house at *Annapolis* was burnt down, most of the Records of the Province was burnt in it.

Last Week arrived Captain *Rhodes* in a Sloop from *Rhode-Island*.

*New-York, Nov. 22.* Captain *Tongrelow* was expected here in *Basset*, (who arrived from *Curacoa* the 15th Instant, in 28 days) but he would not come without his Goods, which *Basset* refused to bring; we hear he designs for *Rhode-Island*.

Captain *Clavar* in a Barque, Cap[t]ain *de Wint*, and Captain *Van-laer* in two Sloops all well mann'd, design this or the next Week to Sayl on Privateering.

*Rhode-Island, Nov. 28.* There is one *Ransford* in a Briganteen, arrived here from *Barbadoes*. Yesterday arrived at the back-side of our Island, a *French* Prize, taken by Her Majesties Ship the *Advice*, Loaden with dry Fish and Oyl.

**Advertisements.**

**T**hese are to Certifie all Persons, that there is lately set up at *Charlstown Ferry* in *Boston*, a *Pottash-work*, at the house of *John Russell Ferry-man*, where all Persons that have any *Ashes* to spare, may receive *six pence* per *Bushell* in *Money*, for any Quantity they shall Deliver at the Water-side.

✓ **T**he *Western Post* for three Months to the 1st of *March* next goes out and comes in once a Fortnight at *Boston*; he came in on *Fryday* last, the first currant, & sets out on *Tuesday* morning, the 5th instant, and so comes in every other *Saturday* at noon, and sets out the *Tuesday* morning following at ten of the Clock.

✓ The *Eastern Post* comes in every *Saturday*, and sets out every *Monday* night, at seven of the Clock.

**M. E.**

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From *Monday* December 4. to *Monday* December 11. 1704.

**NY—AS**

**[**IN the first column of the first page is a continuation of the declaration of the king of Portugal and in the second column, from Whitehall, August 14, is the report of Vice Admiral Sir George Rooke concerning the taking of Gibraltar by the British forces July 24, and accompanying this report are the articles of capitulation. Nearly the

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entire second page is occupied with a proclamation of Queen Anne "for Settling and Ascertaining the Current Rates of Foreign Coins in Her Majesties Colonies and Plantations in America."<sup>61</sup> Accompanying this is a table of computation of weights and values of foreign coins in the plantations, made by Mr. Newton, master worker of the mint. The domestic news of the issue is limited to five short items.]

*Chelmsford, Decemb. 7. This Day Dyed the Reverend Mr. Thomas Clark, Pastor of the Church here. Aged 51 & 9 months.*

*Little-Compton, Decemb. 7. 1704. The Reverend Mr. Richard Billings was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place, on Thursday the last day of November.*

*Marble-head, Dec. 7. This day arrived here Cap. Winter from England, being the last Ship that came out with our Fleet.*

*Boston, Entered Outward bound, Pitman, and Gray for Nevis, Perkins for Antigua, Everton, Love, Plaisted and Emes for Barbadoes, Northy for Virginia, and Emons for Jamaica. Coasters Inwards, Lathrop from Sandwich, and Smallage from Rhode-Island. Coasters Outwards, Odiorne for Piscataqua. Foreign Inwards, Gravenraedt from N. York, Harris from Antigua, Vail & Darby from Pensilvania. Foreign Outwards, Jones & Hobbs for Antigua, Gold for Carolina, Green for Jamaica, Dean for Suranam, Burbank for Curacoa, & Moor for Barbadoes.*

On Tueseday the 5th Currant arrived here Cap. Pit[is] from London, came out with the Ships for this place.

By the QUEEN,  
A PROCLAMATION,

*For Settling and Ascertaining the Current Rates of Foreign Coins in Her Majesties Colonies & Plantations in America ANNE R.*

WE having had under our Consideration the different Rates at which the same Species of Foreign Coins do Pass in Our several Colonies and Plantations in America, and the inconveniences thereof, by the indirect Practice of Drawing the Money from one Plantation to another, to the great Prejudice of the Trade of our Subjects; And being Sensible, That the same cannot be otherwise Remedied, than by Reducing of all Foreign Coins to the same Current Rate within all Our Dominions in America; And the Principal Officers of Our Mint having laid before Us a Table of the Value of the several Foreign Coins which usually Pass in Payments in our said Plantations, according to their Weight, and the Assays made of them in Our Mint,

<sup>61</sup> Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 471-472.

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thereby shewing the just Proportion which each Coin ought to have to the other, which is as followeth, *viz* *Sevill* Pieces of Eight, Old Plate, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains Four Shillings and Six-pence; *Sevill* Pieces of Eight, New Plate, Fourteen Penny-weight, Three Shillings Seven Pence One Farthing; *Mexico* Pieces of Eight, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence; *Pillar* Pieces of Eight, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings & Six-pence Three Farthings; *Peru* Pieces of Eight, Old Plate, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings & Five Pence, or thereabouts; *Cross Dollars*, Eighteen Penny-weight, Four Shillings and Four Pence Three Farthings; *Ducatoons of Flanders*, Twenty Penny weight and Twenty One Grains, Five Shillings and Six Pence; *Ecu's of France*, or *Silver Lewis*, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and six pence; *Crusadoes of Portugal*, Eleven Penny weight, Four Grains, Two Shillings and Ten Pence One Farthing; Three Gilder Pieces of *Holland*, Twenty Penny weight and Seven Grains, Five Shillings and Two Pence One Farthing; Old *Rix Dollars* of the Empire, Eighteen Penny-weight and Ten Grains, Four Shillings and six-pence; The Half, Quarters, and other parts in proportion to their Denominations, and Light Pieces in Proportion to their Weight: We have therefore thought fit for Remedying the said Inconveniences, by the Advice of Our Council, to Publish and Declare, That from and after the First Day of *January* next ensuing the Date hereof; no *Sevill*, *Pillar*, or *Mexico* Pieces of Eight, though of the full Weight of Seventeen Penny-weight and a half, shall be Accounted, Received, Taken or Paid within any of Our said Colonies or Plantations, as well those under Proprietors and Charters, as under Our immediate Commission & Government, at above the Rate of Six Shillings *per* piece Currant Money for the Discharge of any Contracts or Bargains to be made after the said First Day of *January* next, the Halfs, Quarters, and other lesser Pieces of the same Coins to be Accounted, Received, Taken, or Paid in the same proportion; And the Currency of all Pieces of Eight of *Peru*, *Dollars*, and other Foreign Species of Silver Coins, whether of the same or Baser Alloy, shall, after the said First Day of *January* next, stand Regulated, according to their Weight and Fineness, according & in proportion to the Rate before limited and set for the pieces of Eight of *Sevill*, *Pillar*, and *Mexico*; So that no Foreign Silver Coin of any sort be permitted to exceed the same proportion upon any Account whatsoever. And We do hereby Reqire & Command all Our Governours, Lieutenant-Governours, Magistrates, Officers, and all other Our good Subjects within Our said Colonies and Plantations, to Observe and Obey Our Directions herein, as they Tender Our Displeasure.

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Given at Our Castle at Windsor, the Eighteenth Day of June,  
1704 In the Third Year of Our Reign,  
GOD Save the QUEEN.

*A Computation made by Mr. Newton, Master-Worker of the Mint,  
according to which all Foreign Coins may Pass in Her Majesties  
Plantations, in Proportion to the Rate Limited in Her Majesties  
Proclamation for Pieces of Eight of Sevill, Mexico and Pillar.*

*Weight and Intrinsick Value of the following  
Species.*

*Rate of the said Pieces  
in Proportion to the Lim-  
itation made by the said  
Proclamation.*

	Weight Peny wt.	Value Shil. Pence		Shil. Pence
Sevill Pieces of Eight, Old Plate	17	12	4 6	6
Sevill Pieces of Eight, New Plate	14		3 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mexico Pieces of Eight	17	12	4 6	6
Pillar Pieces of Eight	17	12	4 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	6
Peru Pieces of Eight	17	12	4 5	5 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cross Dollars	18		4 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ducatoons of Flanders	20	21	5 6	7 4
Ecu's of France or Silver Lewis	17	12	4 6	6
Crusados of Portugal	11	4	2 10	3 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Three Guilder Pieces of Holland	20	7	5 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 11
Old Rix Dollars of the Empire	18	10	4 6	6

All Halves, Quarters and lesser Pieces are to Pass in Proportion to the above Rates.

[No advertisement in this issue.]

A. E.

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NY—AS

[EXCEPT for four short domestic items this issue is completely filled with long reports of foreign affairs; and among others these include, under date of the preceding July, from the duke of Marlborough's camp at Alcha, news from that commander concerning the movements of his army; in August reports from Whitehall and Windsor more details of the capture of Gibraltar; a letter of Queen Anne addressed to the Parliament of Scotland, dated Edinburgh, July 11; and other news from Mentz, Hamburg and elsewhere upon the continent.]

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*Boston*, On Sabbath the 10th Instant, died at *Milton*, Mr. *Richard Wilkins*, Bookseller of *Boston*: Aged Eighty-One years, And was Interred at *Boston*. on *Wednesday* the 13th Currant.

On *Thursday* the 14th, Arrived here the *French Prize*, taken by Her Majesty's Ship the *Advice*, mentioned in our Number 33.

Outward Bound, *Jefferies* for *Coratuck*, *Welch* for *Bermuda*, *John Corny*, and *John Charnock* for *London*. Coasters Outwards, *Allen* for *Connecticut*, *Gillam* for *Rhode Island*, and *Newman* for *Piscataqua*. Forreign Outwards Cleared, *Bucklin* for *Antigua*, *Lanyon* for *Carolina*, *Jeffries* for *Coratuck*, *Card* for *Barbadoes*, *Hillard* and *Parker* for *Jamaica*, *Carket* for *Surranam*, and *Milke* for *Monserat*

*New-York*, Decemb. 2. *Cap. Bond & Cap. De Hart* are just now arrived from *England*, and *Cap. Wilde* is daily expected, *Cap Bill* is arrived from *Curacao* in a month.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

**A. E.**

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From **Monday** December 18. to **Monday** December 25. 1704.

**NY—AS**

[IN this issue preference is again given to foreign news, almost the whole space being occupied by such matter. An additional instalment of the declaration of the king of Portugal is printed, and also the speeches to Parliament by the marquis of Tweedale, high commissioner, and the earl of Seafield, lord high chancellor; and there is miscellaneous news of May, June and July, from Constantinople, Nismes, Amsterdam and other capitals of the continent. Two items only comprise the domestic news.]

*Boston*, Entered Outwards, *John Estes*, and *John Thomas* junior for *London*. Coasters Inwards, *John Wells* from *Piscataqua*. Coasters Outwards, *Thomas Groce* for *Piscataqua*. Forreign Inwards, *John Pitts*, and *Thomas Winter* from *London*. Forreign Outwards Cleared, *John Seley*, and *Jeffery Bedgood* for *Barbadoes*, *John Ruggles* for *Nevis*, *William Dean* for *Lisbon*, *John Venierman* for *Jamaica*, and *John Scot* for *Antigua*.

*Notice is hereby given to all Persons concerned, That whereas it is likely the General Assembly of this Province, will be Sitting at the time appointed by Law for the holding of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas within the County of Suffolk, on the First Tuesday of January*

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*next; the Justices of the said Inferior Court have therefore adjourned the same unto the First Tuesday of February next ensuing.*

[No advertisement in this issue.]

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R. E.

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From Monday December 25. to Monday January 1. 1704, 5.

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[ONLY five items of domestic news are printed in this issue. The first page is filled with the speech of the earl of Cromarty, lord secretary, in the Scottish parliament, favoring the union with Great Britain. On the second page is a letter from London, of July 20, 1704, regarding the succession of the crown of Scotland. Continental news is from Turin, Vienna and other cities.]

*Boston, On Wednesday last, the General Court of this Province according to Prorogation to said day, did meet and Sit again.*

Entered Outward Bound, *Hobbs* for *Antigua*. Coasters Inwards, *Brackett* from *Piscataqua*. Forreign Outwards, *Sanders* for *Roanoke*, *Pickman* for *Nevis*, *Clark* for *Virginia*, *Plaisted* and *Barns* for *Barbadoes*, *Perkins* and *Hobbs* for *Antigua*, *Welsh* for *Bermuda*, and *Cravat* for *Lisbon*.

*Philadelphia, Dec. 6. Capt. David Robertson* from *London*, is just now arrived, came out with the *Advice Man* of *War* from *England*. And we dayly expect a *Brigantieen* that came out in Company with them.

*New York, December 15. We have Advice, That the *Dove* from *London*, bound hither, is put in to *New London*.*

His Excel. the Ld. *Cornbury* is expected here this day from his Government of *N-Jersey*. The Assembly of that Province have

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granted a Revenue to Her Majesty of 2000 £ Per Annum for two  
years.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

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R. E.

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From Monday January 1. to Monday January 8. 1704, 05.

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[EXCEPT for four domestic items and one advertisement all this  
issue is of foreign affairs. Most space is given to reports from  
Vienna of the peace negotiations between Austria and Hungary,  
and the movements of Prince Ragazzi. The proceedings of parlia-  
ment sitting in Edinburgh are reported.]

Boston, On Tuesday the 2d Currant, Dyed the Pious and Virtuous  
Madam Sarah Leverett, widow of the Honourable John Leverett Esq.  
Sometime Governour of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England.  
Aged 74 years & 8 Month's, much Lamented by all Persons.

An Act Passed by the Great and General Court of this Province  
this Sessions, Against Souldiers and Seamen in Her Majesty's Service.  
being Arrested for Debt.

On Saturday the 6th Instant, His Excellency our Governour was  
pleased to Prorogue the Assembly of this Province unto Wednesday  
the 21st of February next, to ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

Entered Outward Bound, Henry Lowder for Barbadoes. Foreign  
Cleared Outwards, Andrew Gravenrat for New-York, and Jonathan  
Gray for Antigua.

## Advertisement

A Negro Man Slave, about 35 years of Age, who speaks good English,  
and to be Sold & seen at Cap. Samuel White's house at the North-  
end of Boston, where you may know further.

Numb.

R. E.

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From Monday January 8. to Monday January 15. 1704.

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¶ A HALF column of domestic news and three and one half columns  
of foreign news fill the two pages of this issue. The foreig-

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from Warsaw, Dantzick, Turin, Hague and elsewhere is principally concerning military movements and several small battles in which the armies of the French and the Allies were engaged; the discussion of terms of peace between Sweden and Poland and the elaborate preparations which had been made for the crowning of King Stanislau. The domestic news, although brief, contains several items of more than ordinary importance including reports of privateers in the West Indies.]

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*Boston, On Monday the 8th Currant was Interred Madam Sarah Leverett mentioned in our Last.* <sup>62</sup>

This week arrived *John Moor* from *Nevis* about nine weeks Passage, says, That there are a great many *French* Privateers out, and that *Philip Lewis* from hence to *Surranam*, and from thence for *Nevis* in a Brigantine was taken and carried in to *Martinico*.

On Sabbath the 14th Instant at Noon, begun a great Storm of Snow, the Wind being at North-East, and continues still at the Printing hereof on Monday Morning.

Entered Outward Bound, *Fortune Redduck* for *St. Christophers*. Forreign Inwards, *John Moor* from *Nevis*. Forreign Outwards Cleared, *John Pullen* for *Jamaica*.

*Piscataqua*, January 11. Capt. *Salmon Morrice*<sup>63</sup> Commander of Her Majesty's Ship the *Advice* (with the two Mast-Ships, who are making all possible dispatch in Loading) will Sail hence for *England* the 1st of *March* next, taking under his Convoy what other Vessels are then ready.

*New-Port Rhode-Island*, January 11. On *Fryday* the 5th Currant dyed here *Mr Robert Carr*, and was Interred on *Monday* the 8th Instant. There is arrived here *Gillam & Gravenrad* from *Boston*, and cleared from hence, *Hubbert* from *Madera's*, and *Hayman* for *St. Christophers*.

*New-York*, Jan. 1. About 10 days ago, Cap. *Claver*, & Capt. *De Wint* Sayled a Privateering. A Sloop arrived here from *Suranam*, brings no news. The Post from *Albany* brings Advice, That the *French* were fitting out a great Party of Indians, &c. to fall upon some of the *English* Government. Several Vessels Outward bound for *Antigua*, *Jamaica*, *Curacoa* and *Carolina*. Capt. *Wilde* from *London* that came out with the *Advice* Man of War, &c. Lies at the two

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62 See News-Letter, No. 38; see also Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, page 120, under date Jan'y 2, and page 121, under date Monday, January 8 [1704/5].

63 Captain Salmon Maurice. See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, page 465, 466.

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Brothers, 12 miles from hence.

Advertisement

[Reprinted: sale of slave of Captain Samuel White, as in January 8.]

R. E.

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From Monday January 15. to Monday January 22. 1704, 5.

NY

[ALL the first page of this issue is filled with an account of the battle of Blenheim. On the second page is news from Berlin, Vienna, Hague, Hamburgh, Frankfort and elsewhere.]

Boston, On the 15th Instant, *James Jarvies*, Blacksmith, (who used to be taken with Fits of the Falling Sickness) being Shovelling of Snow at his Well in the Yard, on a sudden his head foremost fell into the Well, his own Journey-man Shovelling Snow in the same Yard heard a sudden noise, & immediately cried out, & several persons got to the Well where nothing was to be seen but his feet, and got him out, who spoke but very few words afterwards, and dyed within a few hours.

On Wednesday morning the 17th Instant, dyed *Elizabeth Whetlie*, Single Woman, for want of help, being big with Child, who would not own that she was with Child, was afterwards opened, and found to be so.

On Saturday Morning the 20th. dyed Mr. *William Rowe*, Goldsmith. Entered Outward Bound, *John Wensley* for Barbadoes. Cleared. *Jotham Odiorne* for Piscataqua.

Advertisement

[Reprinted: sale of slave of Captain Samuel White, as in January 8 and January 15.]

R. E.

Numb. 41.

## The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday January 22. to Monday January 29, 1704. 05.

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[THREE columns of this issue are filled with foreign news. More details of the victory at Hochflet in August, 1704, are given "From the Duke of Marlborough's camp at Steinheim, Aug. 17

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N. S." with the additional note, "we refer you to our *Number 33* in which is the Duke of Marlborough's Letter to the Secretary of State, which gives an account of the Battle." Appended to this report is "A List of the Chief Prisoners taken at the Battle at Bleineam." More account of this battle is given in letters from Berlin, Frankfort, and Hague. In a letter from Edinburgh, parliamentary proceedings in relation to the succession to the throne are reported.]

*Barbadoes, Decemb. 21.* On the 20th of *October* arrived here Capt. *Thomas Lessenby* in the *Dudley* Frigot, and *Sargent* in a Ketch from *Boston* in *N. England*, & on the 22d. Capt. *Partridge* from said Port. On the 2d of *November* the *Warrick* Man of War, (the *Curtney* Briganteen being in Company) brought in a *French* Privateer Sloop with 40 hands. Capt. *Graves* in the Ship *William* from *Virginia*; On the 7th Capt. *Porter* from *Guinea*, & a Briganteen from *Virginia*: On the 8th, *Fox* in a Ketch from *Boston*, & *Tucker* in a Sloop from *Rhode-Island* both taken, the men put on Shoar; a Sloop from *Pensilvania*, & Capt. *Jenkins* in a Ship from *Bristol* arrived. On the 12th two Sloops from *Pensilvania*, & one from *Rhode-Island*. On the 15th. The *Pacquet* Boat from *England*. On the 16th. A Sloop from *Rhode-Island*, and one from *New-York*. On the 17th. Capt. *Moles* from *Boston* On the 19h. Captains, *Everton* and *Garrat* from *New-foundland*. On the 9th *Decemb.* Captain *Gibbs* from *Carolina*.

Several Vessels Sail'd from hence this day. For *Virginia*, The *James City*, *Richard Brand*, Master, & the *Mercy*, *James Loring* Master: For *Leward Islands*, *Robert Chappel*, & Mr. *Richardson*; for *London*, Capt. *Thomas Holland*, in the *By-fronts Gally*, *George Pearson* in the *John & Ann*, *William Arkland* in the *Industry*, *George Clay* in the *Richard*. For *Pensilvania*, *Florentius Burrows* in the *Tygar*, *George Laycraft* in the *Adventure*. For *Bermuda*, *Nathaniel Tatum*, in the *Lilly*, *Robert Inglish* in the *John & Jane*, *John Sallustius* in the *Samuel*, *William Outerbrige* in the *Rose*, *Matthew Witter* in the *William & Robert*. For *New-England* *Salem*, *John Sharpe* in the *Endeavour*. For *Boston*, *Clement Jackson* in the *Dover Gally*, & *John Bennet* in the *Hopewell*. For *Bristol*, *Robert Knowles* in the *Increase*. For *Carolina*, *James Gibson* in the *Endeavour* For *Saltitudo Wil Wyot* in the *Endeavour*.

Yesterday came on Shore Capt. *Dunkin* and Company in his Boat, gives an Account that he was bound Hither from *Ireland*, Loaden with Provisions, but his Ship sprung a Leak ten Leagues off and Foundered.

Provisions are both scarce & dear. Capt. *Moles* is put in Commander of the *Curtney* Briganteen, & our Government has fitted out a Sloop, both of which are out, and hope will do us good Service against the Privateers.

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The Man of War has Retaken a Ship from *Guinea*, bound to *Jamaica*, the Master whereof is carried in to *Martinico*. The Ship brought in here & the Negroes Sold.

We are acquainted, That there is 2 or 3 *French* Privateers taken by Her Majesties Man of War at the *Leward-Islands*.

*Boston*, On *Tuesday* the 23d Currant, arrived here Capt. *John Bennet* in 33 days from *Barbadoes*, by whom we have the Confirmation of Capt. *Ellery's* (mentioned in our Number 31) being taken by the *French*, who was Wounded in the stout resistance he made against the Privateer. That Capt. *Thomas Dudley* in the *Pacquet Boat* from *England* to the *West-Indies*, was taken and carried into *St. Malo*.

On *Wednesday* the 24th. Dyed Mr. *Edward Gouge*, Merchant.

By his Excellency's Direction, Capt. *Tyng* and Capt. *Stephens* with 150 men with Snow Shoes march'd from *Dunstable* eight days ago into the Woods in search of the Enemy.<sup>64</sup>

His Excellency intends to go for his Government of *New-Hampshire*, on *Wednesday* the 31st. Instant.

Entered Outward Bound, Capt. *Mark Hunkin* in the *Johns Adventure*, for *Barbadoes*. Forreign Inwards, *John Bennet* from *Barbadoes*. Cleared Outwards, Cap. *Ephraim Breed* in the *Seaflower*, for *Jamaica*, and *Joseph Thorne* in a Sloop for *Barbadoes*.

There are two Mails due from the Eastern Post, and one from the Western, by reason of the great Snows.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

R. E.

Numb. 42.

## The Boston News-Letter.

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MH-NY

[T]HIS issue opens with a proclamation by Governor Dudley for a general fast. Foreign matter follows, occupying the remainder of the first page and three quarters of the second page: largely of war news. The domestic news fills out the second page and tells of heavy snow storms and high tides. A New York item reports the publication there of the queen's proclamation for "Settling and Ascertaining the Current Rates of Foreign Coins" in the colonies.

<sup>64</sup> Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 447.

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which was published in Massachusetts in the previous December, and given in the News-Letter No. 34.]

By His Excellency, JOSEPH DUDLEY Esqr. Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the Massachusetts-Bay and New-Hampshire in New-England. A PROCLAMATION for a General FAST<sup>65</sup>

**H**aving had Consideration of the Great Troubles of Europe, wherein Her Majesty and the Confederates are Engaged against the Common Enemy of the Repose of the Christian Nations; As well as our own Troubles with the French and Indians; And the Just Reason we have therefore to Implore the Divine Favour, for the Remission of our great and manifold Sins that have justly displeased God.

I Have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives in their last Session, to Appoint and Order, That Thursday the first of March next, be Solemnized as a Day of Publick FASTING and PRAYER throughout these Provinces: Exhorting both Ministers and People in their several Assemblies, Religiously to attend the Solemn Services of the said Day; That by a sincere Repentance and steady Affiance in the Divine Mercy in their most humble Addresses, They may obtain from GOD, That Our Sovereign Lady the QUEEN with the Nations and Territories under Her Happy Government may always be under the Protection of HEAVEN; Her Majesties Life and Government long continued; Her Counsels and just Arms Prospered; The Designs of the barbarous Salvages against us defeated; Our exposed Plantations preserved. And the poor Christian Captives in their hands, returned; That the Government of these Provinces may have the Divine Direction in all their Administrations; That Health may be continued, And the ensuing Year crowned with the Fruits of Divine Bounty: That Deliverance may speedily arise to the Church of God oppressed with the Tyranny of Antichrist. And all Servile Labour is Inhibited in that Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the Twenty-second Day  
of *January*, 1704. In the Third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign  
Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GOD, of *England, Scotland, France*  
& *Ireland*. QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of the Gouvernour & Council *J. Dudley*  
*Isaac Addington, Secr.*

GOD Save the QUEEN.

New-Port Rhode-Island. January 25. On Sabbath the 14th

65 In The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . Vol. VIII, p. 104.

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Instant, began here a great Storm the Wind at *S. E.* and continued till next day, which caused a Tyde to rise here two foot higher than ever was known, which has done near 400*l.* damage to this place, and drowned 17 Sheep of *Connonicut's.* *Robert Smith* for *Surranam* will Sail in 15. days.

*New-York, January 22.* On the 15th Instant dyed here, *Sampson Shelton Broughton* Esqr. Her Majesties Attorney General, Judge Advocate, and of the Council of this Province, a Gentleman of great Probity, Piety and Temper; whose loss is extreamly lamented by all good men.

This Day Her Majesties Proclamation for Settling and Ascertaining the Current Rates of Foreign Coins in Her Majesties Colonies and Plantations in *America* was published here. Never more Snows known here than now, which is excessive deep, 7 or 8 miles a day with great difficulty is attained to be a days Journey. The *Pensilvania* Post not yet come in.

Vessels Outward Bound are *Capt. Bond* for *London*, *Roland* for *Jamaica*, *NewenhuySEN*, *Bill* and *Bonnin* for *Curacao*, *Watkins* for *Barbadoes*, *Debart* for *Madera*, *Roland* for *Fyal*, and *Egerbtson* for *Suranam*.

*Boston*, Entered Outward Bound, *Thomas Norris* in the *Content*, & *John Bonnes* in the *Hopewell* for *Barbadoes*. Forreign Outwards Cleared, *John Ingoldsby* for *Jamaica*, *Nathaniel Elliot* for *Montserrat*, *William Thuing* for *Madera*, *Richard Mortimur*, and *James Berry* for *Barbadoes*.

*William Wyer* in the *Endeavour* arrived at *Martha's Vineyard* the 9th of *January* in a months time from *Saltiludo's*, where was neither Sale nor other Vessel to be seen.

The Eastern Post came in on Saturday and sets out on Monday night, who says, There is no Travailing with Horses, especially beyond *Newbury*, but with Snow Shoes, which our People do much use now, that never did before. The Western Post came then also in, and sets out on Tuesday Morning, wholikewisesays, 'Tis very bad Travailing.

**Advertisement.**

**L**ately deserted Her Majesties Service at the Castle on Castle-Island, *Jonathan Milburn* Souldier, a Middle siz'd man, thin Visage, dark brown short Hair; Aged about Thirty years: Who soever shall apprehend and him Convey to the Honourable *Thomas Povey* Esq. Lieutenant Governour of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, shall have *Forty Shillings* Reward, besides his Charges. And if the said *Milburn* will Voluntarily come in and Surrender himself to

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the next Justice of the Peace, in order to return to his Obedience, he shall be pardoned his Crime.

M. E.

Number. 43.

## The Boston News-Letter.

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[FOREIGN news fills three and a half of the four columns. Under the head line "From the Duke of Marlborough's Camp at Eppingen September 3 N. S.", are two columns of news pertaining to the campaign of the allied forces against the French and Bavarians and a list of the English officers killed or fatally wounded in the battle of Blenheim. Under a Vienna date of August 27, 1704, is a report of the rejoicing in that capital, over the victory of Marlborough. From Hague and Windsor is other war news.]

*Salem, Jan. 20.* The Weather has been so extream, there is no Travelling. The great Tide on *Monday* 15th Instant was here at least 14 inches higher than has been known in 20 years past; & much damage done in this Town, at *Marblehead* & *Manchester*. The Chanel that was cut for the passage of Vessels out of the Harbour of *Glocester* into *Ipswich Bay*, to save going about the Cape, is quite filled up.\*\* We have had no body from *Boston* since, that can give an account of your Damage: but doubt it is considerable.

*Charlstown, Feb. 9.* The last week was held here the Superior Court for our County, where a Case was by the Court committed to the Jury, & when they brought in their Verdict, the Court judging it to be wrong, informed them better of the Case, & sent them out again to consider better of it; a certain person in the Court after they had received the Charge from the Court, spoke to them, & desired them to stand by their first Verdict notwithstanding of what the Court said to them; whereupon the Court sent for said person & severely checkt him, & had like to have fined him in a considerable Sum, but in regard of his very great submission and penitency for his Crime, was fin'd but in *Five Pounds*.

*Boston, On Tuesday* the 6th Currant, being Her Majesty's Birth-Day; the Honourable the Lieutenant Governour, and the Gentle-

\*\* The "cut" across Cape Ann by way of Squam River. See Notes, in *The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . .* in which this item is reprinted from the *News-Letter*, Vol. VIII, p. 478.

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men of Her Majesties Council, with the Militia Officers, The Gentlemen and Merchants of this Place, Attended on His Excellency the Governour to the *Town House*, where they Drank Her Majesties Health, Her Royal Highness the Princess *Sophia's*, His Royal Highness Prince *George's*; His Grace the Duke of *Marlborough's*; And Prosperity to Her Majesties Forces by Sea and Land. The *Town-House*, and several Gentlemens Houses at night being full of Illuminations.

By Letters from *Piscataqua* we are acquainted, that *John Sharp* (mentioned in our Number 41 to be bound for *Salem* from *Barbadoes*) was Cast away at *Piscataqua* on *Fryday* night the 2d Currant. The men are saved, but little of the Cargo is like to be sav'd.

Entered Outward Bound, *William Wains* for *Newfoundland*. Coasters Outward, *Jacob Parker* for *Piscataqua*. Forreign Cleared Outwards, Cpts. *John Sunderland*, *John Foster*, *William Skinner*, *Thomas Beard*, *John Robinson*, and *Bartholemew Chever* for *Barbadoes*; and *James Updike* for *Madera*.

On Saturday Arrived at *Nantucket*, Cpts. *Alcock*, *Alden*, and *Peppril* from *Piscataqua*.

There is one Mail due from the Eastern Post; and the Western Post comes not in till Saturday next.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

M. E.

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday February 12. to Monday February 19. 1704, 5

NY

**[N**EARLY the entire issue is taken up with foreign news, only seven short items of domestic events being printed at the end of the fourth column. The foreign news mostly relates to the battle of Blenheim or Bleinem or Hochflet, as it is here printed. The reports are from Geneva, Hamburgh, Windsor and Paris. The Paris news refers to letters received from Strasburg about the battle, and particular emphasis is placed upon the unpreparedness of the French and Bavarians for this defeat as shown in the fireworks and inscriptions which, before the battle occurred, had been prepared to celebrate the birthday of the duke of Brittany "wherein the Rivers Seine and Tajo were represented as forcing the Po, Danube, Maeze and Thames to pay them homage." Further reports from Windsor and London tell of the congratulations which have been extended to the queen upon this great victory.]

## THE BOSTON NEWS-Letter, FEBRUARY 26, 1705

*Boston*, A Gentleman from *Piscataqua* acquaints us, That the great Storm mentioned in our *Number 39*, the 14th of January last, caused a very great Tide to rise at *Piscataqua*, which did very great damage there to several Warehouses, some whereof were carried away with it; as also at *Kittery* and the *Isle of Shoals*, where it carried away several of their Houses, and all their Fishing Stages.

Captains, *Alcock & Alden* mentioned in our *Last* to be arrived at *Nantasket* was through misinformation; The Latter of which arrived there on *Thursday* last, who is bound for *Barbadoes*.

On *Wednesday* next Sits our General Assembly.

Entered Outward Bound, Capt. *John Balston* for *London*, *William Pepperil* for *Cowes*, & *Jonathan Chamberlain* for *Newfoundland*. Cleared Outwards *John Bennet*, *David Craeg*, and *Thomas Landel* for *Barbadoes*.

*The Advice Man of War with the Ships under her Convoy, will be ready to Sail from Piscataqua for England, against the middle of March at farthest.*

*The Eastern Post came in on Tuesday last, and went out on Wednesday night, to return on Fryday or Saturday next, & to keep his usual times of going out and coming in.*

*The Western Post not yet come in.*

[No advertisements in this issue.]

M. E.

Numb. 45.

## The Boston News-Letter.

From *Monday* February 19 to *Monday* February 26 1704, '05.

NY

[IN the first column of the first page under date, *Windsor, September 14, 1704*, is a long account, sent by *Admiral Sir George Rooke*, of the naval battle with the French off *Malaga*, *Spain*, *August 13*. In the second column is a list of the English and Dutch officers and men killed and wounded in that engagement, to the number of 2,758. The story of the battle is continued on the second page, and there are also from *Lisbon* further details concerning the affair. The domestic news is a minor quantity occupying only three quarters of a column.]

*Lisbon Decemb. 3d. . . . Mr. Whitehorn from Rhode-Island to London was taken by the French, himself is come in here in one of those ships we took, but his Ship is not retaken.*

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*Capt. Smith in the Gosport Man of War, is put in here, who Sailed from Boston in N. England, on the 26 of October, and the 30 lost Company of the Merchant Ships under his Convoy, bound for England: The Gale held till the 7 of November, blowing a meer Storm; the Sea so tempestuous that the Air seem'd to be a Mist with the Scudd that rose from the Water: he scudded under his bare Poles running nine Knots; The Sea broke in his great Cabbin, stove bulk heads, and all before it: all the Captains Furniture hove overboard, kill'd Arthur Kind out right; broke the Carpenters, left Arm in two Places, and two middle Fingers cut off short; Samuel Perkins fell out of the Mizzen-Top, and was drowned. Their Boats stove and hove overboard; Dr. Grafford bruised and Wounded in several places of his body; all expecting every moment when the Ship would fill and go down: but the Ship brought to and lay very well to their Comfort. About 7 a Clock at Night on Monday the 6th. The Main Mast sprung between Decks, which if had gone there, all must have perished, it would have ruined the Pumps, and ript up the Deck, but (through Mercy) they had time to Cut it away above Deck: The Ship proved so Leaky, that both Pumps was kept going Night & Day. Tuesday the 7 the Wind abated, and had fair Weather and moderate Winds, till they came near the English Channel, where they met with N. E. Winds, that blew so hard they could not hold it; The 19 November, They bore away for this place, and Arrived here the 30 November, where they are all in good health. The Milford from Barbado's met with the same Storm, who also lost her Main Mast and Boats, is also Arrived here.*

*New-York, Febr. 12. The Strumulo Man of War, who came out with the Mast-Ships was arrived at Virginia, Capt. Tongrelou is in Virginia, his Sloop was Cast away about 10 Leagues to the Southward of the Capes of Virginia; The Master & 2 or 3 more of her men drowned. We hear he sav'd the money, and about 6 or 700 l. in Goods, and that he designs hither.*

A Post came from Albany last week, brings no News, but that all things were quiet and in good order.

Two Sloops are up for Barbadoes, one for Curacoa, one for Carolina, and a Ship for Madera.

The Pacquet Boat that arrived at Barbadoes, the 20th of December last, brought Advice that the Barbadoes Fleet were arrived in England.

*Roger Mompesson Esqr. Chief Justice of this Province, Mr. John Barberie, and Mr. Adolph Philips are Sworn of Her Majesty's Council.*

*Capt. John Tudor is appointed Recorder of the City of New York.*

*New-port Rhode Island, Feb. 15. Our Assembly is now Sitting, in order to raise men according to Her Majesty's Letter. Capt.*

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*Smith for Surranam, and Ransford for Barbadoes, will Sail in about 10 days.*

Boston, On Wednesday the 14th Instant, Licut. Col. Hilton & Maj. Walton marched from Piscataqua with 300 men Voluntiers with Snow Shoes for Narigwalk the Head Quarters of the Eastern Indians at 250 miles distance, with 20 days Subsistance in their Snap-sacks, who we doubt not if the Weather allow will see that place in 10 days from their setting out. And his Excellency the Gouvernour has at the same time a Cruiser on the Shore of L'acadie to disrest the Enemy there. The Discovery of their Head-Quarters will give measures for the Summers proceeding. We have had no mischief from the Enemy these 6 months past, notwithstanding all their Bravo's to visit us once in two months.<sup>67</sup>

Entered Outward Bound, Nathaniel Balston for Barbadoes, David Cutler for Pensilvania, & Eleazor Moses for Newfoundland. Coasters Inwards, Newman from Piscataqua. Outwards, Wells for Piscataqua. Foreign Inwards, Bryan Smith from Lisbon, Wyar from Salteudo's. Cleared Outwards, Holland for Fyall, Thomas, Vincent, and Corney for London.

— The Western Post came in on Tuesday, & went out on Thursday last, in order to be in again on Saturday the 3d of March next. The Eastern Post came also in on Saturday last & set out Monday night at 7 aClock, so to keep his due course in going out & coming in.

### Advertisement.

**A**N able healthy Negro Woman about 23 years of Age, speaks English intelligibly, & is well instructed in Household-business, to be Sold. Enquire at the Post-Office in Boston, & know further.

**M. E.**

**Numb. 46.**

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**NY**

**[I**N the first and second columns on the first page is "A Relation of the Sea-Fight near Malaga, on the 24th of August, 1704. N. S. as it was writ from on Board the French Fleet"; and this is accompanied with a list of the French killed and wounded. There is also war news from Turin and Geneva and nearly two columns of

67 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 446.

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miscellaneous European news "by prints and letters from *England* per Capt. *Gill* via *Lisbon*," and the editor adds "all which we shall enlarge upon in our succeeding Prints."]

*Boston*, On February 25. Capt. *Michael Gill* of *Charlestown* arrived at *Marblehead* from *Lisbon*, in about a months Passage, by whom we have the following Advice, That Capts. *Mason* and *Jenkins* both of this place were arrived in *England*, and either *Jacob* or *Beavis* that Sail'd hence with them. That Capts. *Gilbert* and *Gwin* were Taken. That the *Gosport* Man of War was Sail'd from *Lisbon* to *England*.

On Wednesday last Sailed from *Nantasket* Road for *Barbadoes*, 7 Merchant Ships, *viz.* Capts. *Bowdage*, *Berry*, *Sunderland*, *Foster*, *Bridgham Aldin & Elice*, & 5 Briganteens, *Craig*, *Everton*, *Harris*, *Robinson* and *Carlile*; 2 Ketches, and 3 Sloops, *Skinner*, *Love* and *Barns*.

Entered Outward bound, *Hart & Adams* for *Newfoundland*, *Johnson & Wyar* for *Barbadoes*, *Waters* for *Virginia*, *Thaxter* for *Jamaica*, *Pitts* for *Nevis*. Coasters Outwards, *Weir* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Cleared Outwards, *Emes* for *Barbadoes*, *Groce* for *London*, & *Prey* for *Cowes*.

On Saturday His Excel. Dissolved the General Assembly.

**Advertisements.**

**A** Good Sloop for Fishing, that will carry six Cord of Wood, without taking down her Rooms, well furnished with Rigging, Anchors, Cables, Sails; a Canoo and other fitting Necessaries. To be Sold by *John Barrel* at *Boston*, for *Twenty-five Pounds*; where they may see an Inventory of the same.

[Reprinted: negro woman to be sold, as in February 26.]

**A. E.**

**Plumb. 47.**

# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** March 5. to **Monday** March 12. 1704, 5.

**NY**

**T**HE foreign news in this issue is all of preceding September dates from *Hague*, *Paris*, *Vienna* and *Holland* via *Whitehall*, and treats of the military movements on the continent. Little more than one page is devoted to domestic news. This includes a proclamation by the governor regarding the rate of foreign coins.]

By His Excellency, *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

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A PROCLAMATION.<sup>68</sup>

*W*hereas Her Majesty by Her Royal Proclamation for Settling and Ascertaining the current Rates of Foreign Coines, in Her Majesties Colonies and Plantations in America; Given at Her Majesties Castle at Windsor, the 18th day of June, in the Third Year of Her Reign: Hath Published Her Royal Pleasure, That all Foreign Coins be reduced to the same current Rates within all Her Dominions in America, according to their Weight and Value, and just proportion which each Coyn ought to have to the other, as in the said Proclamation is particularly set forth and express'd.

But forasmuch, as by the corrupt wicked practices of some ill men, the present running Coins within this Province are so debased & impaired by Rounding and Clipping (notwithstanding the good & wholesome Laws made against the same) to the rendring of Her Majesties Royal Intention impracticable: And will prove of pernicious and fatal Consequence to Her Majesties good Subjects; unless it be speedily prevented.

For Remedy whereof.

I Do, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesties Council, and of the Representatives in General Court Assembled, Declare & Order, That from & after the Publication hereof, No Money shall pass by Tale, but what is of due Weight, according to Her Majesties Proclamation, & the Laws of this Province: That all other light Money & Plate of Sterling Alloy, shall Pass and be good in Payments by the Ounce Troy, pro rato; until the End of the Session of this Court in May next, when further Consideration shall be had thereof. And the Sheriffs of the several Counties are hereby Commanded to Publish this Proclamation within the same:

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, the Third day of March, 1704. In the Third year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lady A N NE, by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France & Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith &c.

By Order of the Governour, Council,  
and Assembly.

J. D UDLEY.

Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Port-Royal in Jamaica, Octob. 23. On the 16th Instant arrived here Jonathan Peacock, and on the 17th, Nathaniel Vial from Boston, Sompson Shore from Virginia; The same day Sailed about 10 Sail

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68 The original draught of this proclamation is on file in the Massachusetts Archives, and a copy therefrom is given in Mr. Goodell's Notes in the Province Laws, Vol. VIII, p. 473. A broadside, printed in 1705 by Bartholomew Green, "Printer to His Excellency the GOVERNOUR and COUNCIL," is also preserved. See also News-Letter No. 34 *ante*.

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of Ships bound for London and Bristol under Convoy of the Guernsey, Commandore Huntington, Commander, who has Orders to attend them thro' the Windward Passage, The Account we have received from several of our Traders, gives us cause to believe that the Spaniards upon the Main are tired with the Tyranny of the French, who very much insult them, according to their usual manner.

Virginia, Jan. 16. A Privateer Sloop call'd the Sea-flower, Regnier Tongrelou Commander; was Cast away, & broke to pieces the 25th of Nov. last at night, about 20 miles to the Southward of Cape Henry by a violent Easterlie Storm, being bound from Curacao to Rhode-Island, with divers Prize Goods, viz. a parcel of Flanders Lace of divers sorts in 2 great seaChests, 2 other of divers sorts of Silk, plain & flower'd, &c. 20 odd bails of white Linnen, viz. Holland, Britanish, Hatillis, and Roan and other sorts of Linnen, as Cambricks, &c. about 20 Bails of divers sorts of woolen cloths, as Piecotoes, Perpetuanas, Scarlet, Camelian, Barracon and other woolens, as Stockings, &c. about 6000 Pieces of Eight, about 1000 Pieces of Eight in Gold, & 2 or 3 bars of Silver about half a foot long in bags in a Chest; all which said Goods were taken by the said Commander from the Spaniard and French, in the Spanish West-Indies, by virtue of a Commission from Samuel Cranston Esq. Governour of Rhode-Island, & under the Seal of that Colony; The Commander & 14 men were sav'd & 3 lost.

Upon Application made by the Commander to His Excellency our Governour, that diligent search might be made after the Goods, His Excellency granted a Warrant, & several of said Goods was found, amounting to about 7 or 800 l. and a Court of Admiralty will be held to Condemn them about the latter end of Feb. next.

New-York, Febr. 28. On the 17th dyed the Honourable Col. William Smith Esq. (the first of Her Majesties Council of this Province) at his House at Brookhaven.

The Pennsylvania Post came in the 18th instant: There has been very deep Snows to the Westward, & no Travelling for some Weeks.

Gravenraedt arrived here last week from Boston.

The Ship Dove for London will Sail from hence this week for Piscataqua to joyn the Convoy.

Outward Bound, Dunscum, Dehaert & Watkins for Barbadoes, Bill, Bonnin and Newenhusen for Curacao, Gravenraedt & Keirstead for Boston, and Robert for Jamaica.

Yesterday arrived here James Cebra from Jamaica, came from thence in October last, & after had been out 20 days, was obliged by strong Northerly Winds to Return to Portmorant, from whence he

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Sailed the 16th Decemb. he came last from the Isle of Thera, one of the Bohemia Islands and says, that the people of Providence live scatter'd like the Indians in Huts, have a house for the day, & another in the Woods for the night, & that the Spaniards do often come among the Islands. One Edwards of Boston and Crew are come Passengers; the first lost his Sloop among the Islands some time last Fall.

Capt. *Balling* Commander of a Privateer Briganteen from *Jamaica* of 12 Guns, & 110 men, being Cruising off St. *La Vere De Cruce*, the Spaniards fitted out to take him; a Briganteen with 120 men, & a Sloop of 70, as they approached, *Balling* made sail & run between them, & fired a Broadside & a Volley of small Shot into the Sloop, & immediately Tack'd & laid the Spanish Briganteen aboard & took her, & afterwards Chased the Sloop & took her also; the Briganteen being old he burnt, but the Sloop he brought up to *Jamaica*.

There are 4 men of War at *Jamaica*, one of them call'd the Mare-  
maid in *Decemb.* last took a *French* Ship of greater force than her  
self, loaden with Wines and Brandy, &c. which is said to be a rich  
Prize & brought her to *Port-Royal*.

Several Sloops that have been out with design to Trade with the  
Spaniards were returned without effecting it, and brought back their  
Flower, &c.

*New-port Rhode-Island, March 1.* *John Richards* arrived here in  
6 Weeks from the Bay of *Hundoras*, who says that the Bay of *Cam-  
peachy* was cut off in *October* last. Cleared Outward bound, *Smith*  
for *Suranam*, & *Ransford* for *Barbadoes*. Entered Outward Bound,  
*Jacob Legay* for *Barbadoes*.

*Boston*, On *Tuesday* arrived here *Thomas Ball* from *Montserat*  
25 days Passage, by whom we have the following Advice, That  
Capt. *Moules* Commander of a Briganteen Private Man of War from  
*Barbadoes*, has had several Rencounters with the *French* Privateers  
near that Island, in one of which he had kill'd *Lambert* one of their  
Captains, and several of his men; the next day he shot off both the  
Legs of another Privateer Captain. The Cartell<sup>69</sup> is settled between  
*Martinico* and the Leward Islands man for man, but the Governour  
of *Barbadoes* would not settle it till he had Orders from *England*,  
Capt. *Turell* & *Perkins* both of this place are carried into *Martinico*.  
There is a Bark and Briganteen seized at *Suranam* belonging to this  
place on suspicion of some of our Vessels bringing off a person con-  
trary to their Law, A *Pacquet Boat* from *England* was arrived at  
*Monserat* just as he came away. Capt. *Ellery* & several other Masters  
are gone for *France*. A *Carolina* Privateer took a *French* Privateer

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69 See News-Letter No. 52 post, under Advertisements.

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-off of St. *Thomas* about the last of *January*, who had on board 11000 Pieces of Eight, and loaden with Cocoa: They shared at St. *Thomas's* 150 *l.* a man; he had been but 5 weeks out. A *New-York* Privateer off of *Guardilup*, was laid on Board by a *French* Privateer of 70 men, who supposed the *York* man to be a Merchant man, but to his cost found him a *Tartar*; The *New-York* man took her & mann'd her, and he is gone with her, and his own Vessel in Company of the *Carolina* Privateer, and Capt. *Halsey*, four in Consort for the Coast of *Crocus*. Three days before *Ball* came away, there was a Flag of Truce<sup>70</sup> sent to *Martinico* with 100 *French* men to be exchanged.

On Friday the 9th Currant, His Excellency went for His Government of *New-Hampshire*.

On Wednesday the 28th of *February*, *Jonathan Squire*, *Baker*, was struck Overboard by the Boom of a Sloop in the Harbour, and drowned.

Entered Outward Bound, *Thomas Ball* for *Plimouth*, *Devereux* for *Newfoundland*, *Noyse* for *Madera*, & *Darby* for *Pensilvania*. *Coasters*, *Bracket* and *Webber* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, Capt. *Michael Gill* from *Lisbon*. Cleared Outwards, *Estes* for *London*, and *Hart* for *Newfoundland*.

*Piscataqua*, March 8th. Our Forces under the Command of Lieut. Col. *Hilton*, & Major *Walton* returned last night from *Narig-walk* the Head Quarters of the Eastern Indians, who advise of a large Fort, Meeting-house & School-house that were there erected, the Fort encompassed 3 quarters of an acre of ground built with Pallisado's, wherein were 12 Wigwams but no Enemy; neither the discovery of any Tracks seen, but of 3 or 4 supposed to be there about 3 weeks since, no plunder excepting a few Household Utensils of little value: The Meeting-house was Built of Timber 60 Foot long, 25 Foot wide, & 18 Foot studd ceiled with Clapboards, in it were only a few old Popish Relicks; the School-house lay at one end distinct, all which they burnt, near to it was a Field of Corn ungathered, which may be imputed to the Enemy's desertion by the consternation that seized them at the Ransacking of the Eastern *French* & *Indian* Settlements the last Summer, our men hail and lusty and if need were, fit for a new Enterprize.<sup>71</sup>

Capt. *Morice*<sup>72</sup> in Her Majesties Ship the *Advice* designs to Sail

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70 See News-Letter Nos. 49, paragraph, "Boston, in our Number 47" etc.; and 52 post, under Advertisements: also foot-note to the latter.

71 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 447, in account of operations to the Eastward.

72 Maurice. See foot-note 63 ante.

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for *England* with the Mast-Ships and Merchant men under his Convoy, on *Fryday* the 16th Instant.

[No advertisements in this number.]

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[ON the first page of this issue are the speech of the queen opening parliament, and a proclamation of Governor Dudley for a general Thanksgiving for the victory at Blenheim. On the second page is foreign news from London, Hague and elsewhere, and two thirds of a column of domestic news.]

By His EXCELLENCY JOSEPH DUDLEY Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION for a General Thanksgiving.<sup>73</sup>

IT having pleased Almighty GOD of His Great Goodness and Mercy, to Afford His Protection and Assistance to Her Sacred Majesty in the Just War. In which, for the common Safety of Her Majesties Realms, and for disappointing the boundless Ambition of France, Her Majesty is now Engaged; And hath given to Her Majesties Armes, in conjunction with Her Allies, under the Command of His Grace the Duke of Marlborough, Captain General of Her Majesties Land Forces, a Signal and Glorious Victory, over the French and Bavarian Forces at Blenheim near Hockstet in Germany.

And such Great and Publick Blessings calling for Publick and Solemn Acknowledgements.

I do, by Her Majesties Especial Command, Order and Appoint, That a General THANKSGIVING to Almighty GOD, for these His Mercies, be Religiously Observed throughout these Provinces, upon Thursday the Twelfth of April next; Exhorting both Ministers and People in their Publick Assemblies on the said Day, most Devoutly to Celebrate the Praises of Almighty GOD, for His so Great Favours and Blessings bestowed.

73 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 466-467.

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Given at *Boston* the Eighth Day of *March*, 1704. In the Fourth Year of Her Majesties Reign.

By His Excellency's

Command,

*Isaac Addington, Secr.*

*J. DUDLEY.*

GOD Save the QUEEN.

**A**S also His Excellency our Governour on said Day in Obedience to Her Majesties Especial Command, Issued forth another Proclamation referring to Navigation. That whereas by the Laws in Force for Navigating Ships and Vessels, 'tis required that the Master and three fourth parts of the Mariners at least be *English*; yet by a clause of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Third Year of Her Majesties Reign, Entituled, *An Act for Recruits, &c.* 'Tis *Enacted therein*: That during this present War and no longer, the Limitation to the Master and three fourths of the Mariners to be *English*, shall be enlarged to the Master, and one Moiety of the Mariners at least to be *English*. His Excellency Charges and Requires all Officers of the Customs, Naval Officers, & others Employed or Concerned in and about Trade and Navigation within these *Provinces*, to take notice of the said Act and to the Observance thereof during this present War, and to conform themselves accordingly.

Piscataqua, March 16. The Briganteen in which our Governour was on Board, being on Saturday last at noon within two miles of our Harbour, and a most violent Storm coming up, we thought it impossible the Briganteen could be saved, which put us all here into a very great Consternation, but last night by an Express from his Excellency at Cape Anne, we had the glad tydings of his safe arrival there, which caused an universal rejoicing here.<sup>74</sup>

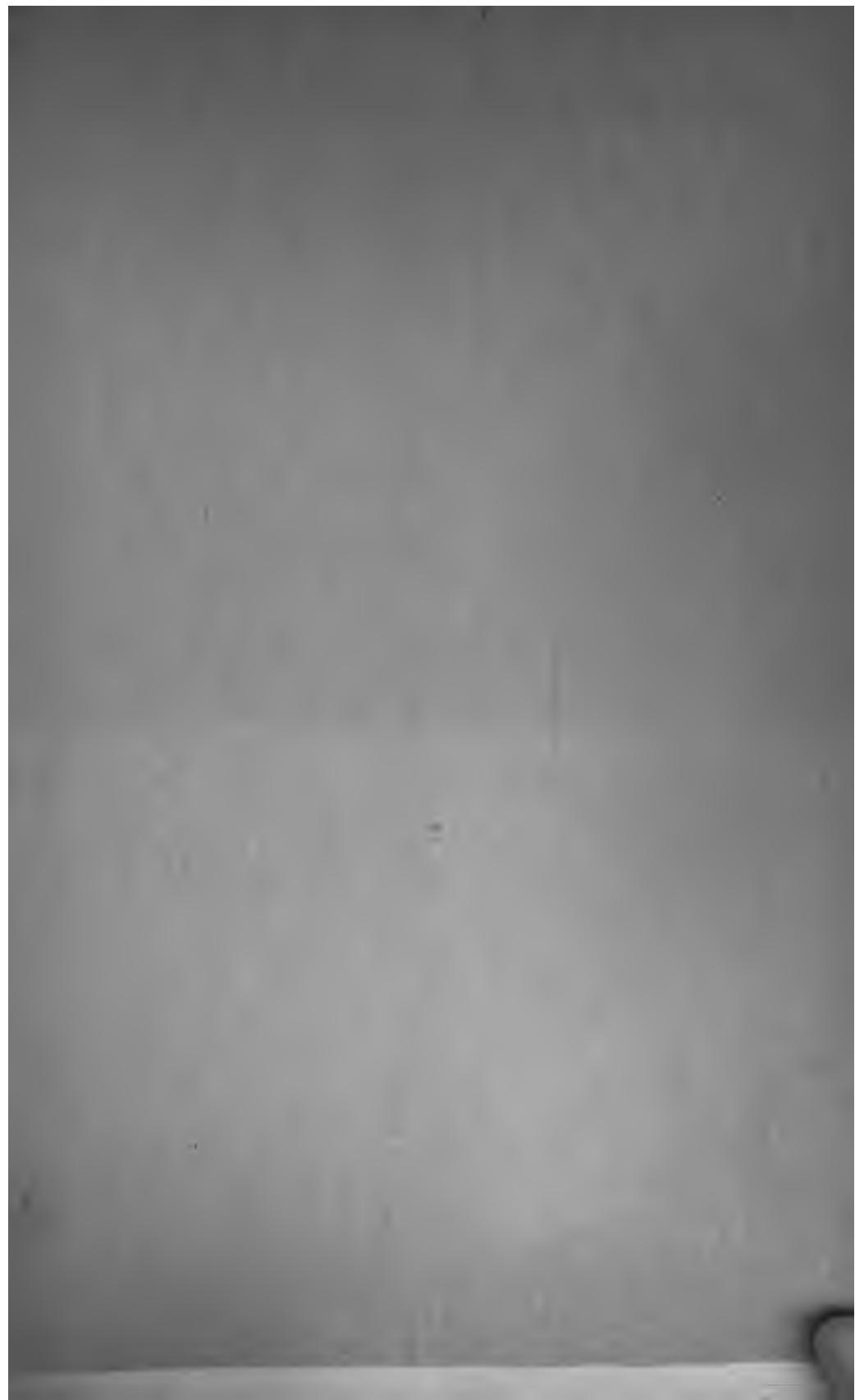
The bad weather which we lately had has retarded the Mast Ships being ready so soon as was Expected, and Capt. Morrice<sup>75</sup> in Her Majesties Ship the Advice designs to Sail for England on Thursday the 22d. Current with the Mast-Ships, and others under his Convoy.

Capt Bullard arrived last Night at the Isle of Shoals from Barbadoes to Saltitudes, and from thence hither in Five Weeks, loaden with Salt.

*Boston*, Monday the 12th Instant, being the Annual Election-day of Town Officers. There was Chosen to Serve as Select or Townsmen Mesieurs *Timothy Clark, John Marrion, John Barnet, Daniel Oliver, \*Elias Heath, Thomas Fitch, Thomas Jackson, \*Daniel Pound*

74 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The *Acts and Resolves* . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , relating the circumstances of the governor's journey, Vol. VIII, p. 466.

75 Maurice. See foot-note 63 *ante*.



Lay'd in Boston by this last Visitation is about Quarrecks, they would pass the Lake, and by there hundred and twenty, which is not perhaps Land make a Defeat upon Mount Re. L. A-  
half so many as fell by the former. The cordingly this Colony with some affiance  
Time of its Being molt Glory, was in the from out kind Neighbours of Plymouth; su-  
Mouths June, July, and Aug., then west red bat an Army of near five and twenty men  
that sometimes in some one Congregation on the 20th, and a Navy of two and thirty Sail;  
a Lord's day there would be Bills defining which went from hence the beginning of the  
Prayers for above an hundred Shek. It seized all Am. off, under the Command of the Ho-  
upch all sorts of people that came in the way  
of it, in infected even Children in the huts of Almshouses that had themselves undergone the Provinces in the West raised Forces, the  
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poor now has felt by this Epidemical Cou-  
rage. But we hope it will be pretty nigh  
Extinguished, by that same twelve month  
when it first began to spread. It now un-  
happily spreads in several other places, as been ready for the Transportation of the  
among which our Garrisons in the East are Army over the Lake, were not prepared, and  
to be reckoned some of the greatest Sufferers. the other Nations of Indians, that should  
Altad<sup>o</sup> Boar did a few weeks ago, meet have come to this Campagny, sent their Ex-  
with a Disaster by Forty which concluded Rules, pretending that the Small-pox was a-  
bout enemy Hous near the Mid-Crest, yet among them, and some other Indians. The  
about midnight, between the French and General Meeting with such vexing dispe-  
seventeenth of this instant, another Far-broke poinments, called a Concert of War, where-  
thorsh near the Scarb-Ado in 1700, which It was impossible for  
confin'd about five or six hours, and made them to prostrate themselves in the field of Extermination  
almost starv'd the Meeting house in Algonq. However he disperched away the Algonq. to  
of the French Indians, about one hundred and forty men, the French reunited, and the Indians re-

Indians; it seems that tho' he might have ten thousand Indians, which exceeds more than <sup>any</sup> others who did it, yet found much difficulty, but produced <sup>any</sup> he could have, those effects which were feared of it. Where, thought him to help himself. Another was, by the bottom of these miscarriages, & <sup>as</sup> <sup>it</sup> was  
that the best furnished PUBLISHING-PRESS, only conjectured, if any people further west  
of those few that we know of in *Assasson*, Ihan, *Meckay*, have been tampering with the  
was lost; a loss not prettily to be repaired. Indians, to desert the business of *Canada*, we  
There lately arrived at *Piscaugy*, one  
from *Front Pashfor*, in a small Shallop, God will have *Canada* to be freed without  
wherein he had fled to stand upon the pla-  
the affiance of those miserable savages, in  
sure of *Caster*, but took his opportunity to  
whom we have too much confided, who shall  
run away, and report. That a Vessel of the <sup>1</sup> Glad, that there will be no sacrifice of  
small Bulk bound from *Brillat* to *Piscaugy*, fired up to the Devil, upon this occasion;  
having been so long at Sea, till they were God alone will have all the Glory,  
prest with want, put in at *Pendfear* instead  
of *Piscaugy* where the *Indians* and *French* had  
seized her; and butchered the Master, and  
several of the men; but that himself who that could be had, in the midst of many  
belonged unto the Ships Crew, being a *French*  
*man*, was more favourably used, & found  
at length an advantage to make his escape. An unaccountable detection keeping a body-

The chief discourse of this month has been of *Indians* that were <sup>any</sup> our Enemies. This  
about the affairs of the Western Expedition body of *French* *Indians* had a port somewhere  
against *Canada*. The *Abamans*, *New-York*,  
and the *Indians* of *Indians*, in this  
*W<sup>est</sup>*, had long been preying of the *Algonkians*,  
to make an expedition by Sea, into those *Indians* which have been invading of  
*Canada*, and still made us believe, that they  
waited for us, and that while we waited  
General *Haut* had among the rest, resolved



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ing, and *Joseph Prout*, who is also Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. And the Overseers of the Poor are, *Simeon Stoddard*, *Thomas Brattle*, *Thomas Palmer*, *Samuel Lynd*, Esquires. Captains, *Ephraim Savage*, *William Clark*, Mesieurs *Elizur Holyoke*, *John Borland*, *Benjamin Walker*, *Henry Deering*, *Stephen Minot* and *Will. Wellsteed*. There was also Chosen Eight Constables, 4 whereof have Fined, so must adjourn their Names till they are compleated at a new Election. There was also Chosen 16 Thything-men, 4 Surveyors of High-ways, 3 Sealers of Leather, 6 Scavengers, 4 Hog-Reeves, and 4 Fence viewers.

Those that have this Mark \* before their Names are new Officers. <sup>76</sup> ✓

On Thursday last, We had the good News of the Governour's being safe Arrived in Cape Anne Harbour, having been forced to Cutt away all the Masts of the Briganteen upon which he was Imbarqued, and Ride under Cape Anne four days in an extraordinary Storm of Wind; but the Briganteen being New and her ground Tackle Good, she was Saved from falling upon the Rocks of that Cape to the Leward all that time; And is now returned to this place to the great Rejoycing of all Her Majesties good Subjects of both the Provinces. <sup>77</sup>

Entered Outward Bound, *Hathorn* for *Newfoundland*, *Cornish* for *Pensilvania*. Coasters Inwards, *Hedge* from *Cape-Cod*, *Lewis* from *Barnstable*, *Hedge* from *Yarmouth*, & *Coffin* from *Nantucket*. Coasters Outwards, *Lathrop* and *Loring* for *Conecticut*. Foreign Inwards, *Goddard* from *Fyall*. Cleared Outwards, *Waters* for *Newfoundland*, and *Cutler* for *Pensilvania*.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

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[FOREIGN news fills three columns of this issue and domestic news one column, the former being of preceding September and October dates, from London, Hague, Turin, Vienna, Geneza, Basle, Dantzick and other capitals.]

76 According to the Boston town records, in the list of selectmen, Barnet should be Barnerd, and Pounding, Powning; in the list of overseers of the poor, Lynd should be Lynde, Deering should be Dering, and Wellsteed should be Welsteed; and William Clark is to be classed with the Messieurs instead of with the Captains: see A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, containing the Boston Records from 1700 to 1728, p. 32.

77 See foot-note 74 ante. See Sewall's record in his Diary, under dates March 15-17, 1704-5, respecting the governor's "providential deliverance."

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New-Port Rhode Island, March 19. Monday the 12th Instant, being a very Stormy day of Thunder, Lightning, Wind & Rain; The last flash of Lightning and clap of Thunder that fell about 12 a Clock at noon, broke on or near the House of Mr. Tho. Brooks near the Northermost end of this Town, it almost broke down the South-end of his House, tearing the Clapboards off in several places, broke several Windows to pieces, and the Glass broke the plank clear through in several places of the Sides, and tore the Clapboards off the sides three or four foot wide, broke down most of the Tonnel of his Chimney, shiver'd several of the main Rafters all in pieces, it left an impression of the colour as though it had been rubb'd with Powder, and caus'd a smell of Sulphur all over the House; and though the man of the House was lying on a Bed just by a Window that was shivered all to pieces, and his Wife looking out at the door, yet they received no damage in their persons, it started the shelter over the Cellar door three inches out of his place, kill'd some Fowls in the Henrost, broke the Eggs under them, drove one Fowl up in the Air, which fell down dead. It broke a Bolt of Iron almost an inch thick, besides several other observations.

On the 15th, Veal and Waters entered from Boston, Moses Butter-worth from Barbadoes, last from Boncyr with Salt, says, That Capt. Halsy was at Coracoa in Consort with Capt. Claver and Peniston, bound for the Coast of Caracos; Capt. Halsy had taken a Barque-a-longo, and some Canoo's Loaden with Cocoa.<sup>78</sup> Entered from New-York, Emey and Cartell in Sloops, and Allen from Connecticut.

*Marshfield*, March 19. *On Fryday last the 16th Currant, Dyed the Reverend Mr. Edward Thompson, Pastor of this place, and was buried this day.*

*Province of the Massachusetts-Bay*  
By the GOVERNOUR and COUNCIL<sup>79</sup>

WHereas by Her Majesties Especial Command to His Excellency, which He received while He was absent on his Voyage Eastward, There was a Proclamntion Issued for a General THANKSGIVING upon Thursday the Twelfth of April next, for the Causes therein mentioned.

78 Captain John Halsey of the briganteen "Charles," the "private war vessel" which the pirate Quelch and his company seized (see foot-note 38, News-Letter No. 14, 1704 *ante*), now refitted and again as a privateer. Reprinted, together with later items from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 526, 529. See News-Letter Nos. 53, 59, 60, 63 *post*.

79 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 467. See foot-notes 74 and 77 *ante*.

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*Since which, the Forces that were sent to Noridewock, being well returned, and found the Enemy fled, and their Fort deserted: And His Excellency being very wonderfully Preserved from Shipwreck, by the good Providence of Almighty GOD.*

It's Ordered

*That the above-said Day be duly Observed for Publick THANKSGIVING; And these Causes are Recommended for Solemn Acknowledgements on the same.*

Council-Chamber in *Boston*.

March 19th, 1704.

Isaac Addington, *Secr.*

*Boston*, In our Number 47. We gave you an account of a Flag of Truce sent from the Leward Islands to *Martinico* with 100 French Prisoners to be Exchanged: And by *Norris* and *Cook* this week arrived from *Moniserat*, we are acquainted, that there was an exchange made; several of our Prisoners came home with them, & the Flag of Truce was gone a second time to exchange all that belonged to the Leward Islands, or that was taken bound thither.<sup>80</sup>

In our Number 11. We gave you the Bill of Mortality for the then three preceeding years, to which we refer you; and because it may be of useful Information, we give you here that of this last Year, 1704. of Persons which were Buried in the Town of *Boston*, besides those who dyed abroad, many of the Inhabitants of *Boston* having their Employments at Sea, are not reckoned in this Catalogue.

March	19	July	32	November	14	55
April	9	August	21	December	22	82
May	8	September	16	January	21	66
June	19	October	13	February	9	—
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	55		82		66	negros 17
						total 220

Entered Outward Bound, *Stevins* for *Nevis*, *Deane* for *Surranam*, *Laurence* & *Wilson* for *Barbadoes*, *Sears* for *London*, *Smallage* for *New-York*, *Goddard* for *Madera*, and *Sharp* for *Newfoundland*. Coasters Inwards, *Gardner* from *Nantucket*, *Baker* & *Rogers* from *Cape-Cod*, *Parker* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Philbrick* for *Hamp-ton*, and *Gardner* for *Saybrook*. Foreign Inwards, *Deane* from *St. Turtuda*, *Cook* & *Norris* from *Moniserat*, *Richards* from *Hundoras*, *Codman* from *Fyall*, *Parker* from *Pensilvania*, and *Gold* from *North-Carolina*. Cleared Outwards, *Monsau* for *Barbadoes*, *Moses* and *Cormer* for *London*.

<sup>80</sup> See News-Letter Nos. 47 and 49 *ante* and 52 *post*: and in the latter, foot-note 86.

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*Piscataqua, March 23.* The Fleet bound for *England*, under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the *Advice*, Capt. *Morrice*<sup>81</sup> Commander, will Sail the middle of next week.

Advertisement.

**A** *N able healthy Negro Woman about 22 Years of Age to be Sold.*  
*Enquire at the Post Office in Boston, and know further.*

**R. E.**

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[**T**HE first page and part of the second are filled with important foreign news which is of preceding October dates from London, Hague, Hamburgh, Vienna, Turin and elsewhere. Domestic news items, several of which are of exceptional character, occupy only one and a half columns.]

Port-Royal in Jamaica, Decemb. 27th. Five Vessels are arrived here from Boston in N. England, viz. Bodwin on the 21st Currant, Wing the 22d, Shoot the 24th, and Hoddy and Marshal the 25th. Lumber is in great demand here, as Staves, Hoops, Boards, &c. To morrow several Vessels design to Sail for England. The Dutch our Rivals in Trade upon the Coast of New Spain, where they swarm, have almost worm'd us out of Trade; our Vessels that went a Trading had all or most of them Commissions against the French and Spaniards, and expressly forbid by our Gouvernor, to molest the Spaniards on Land at all, or on Sea while they were on a Trading Account; which though they strictly observ'd, yet our cunning Rivals improv'd it very much to our disadvantage, suggesting to the Spaniards that 'twas absolutely unsafe for them to deal with those that had a Commission, to make them, and what was theirs a lawful Prize: And thereby have so far gained their ends, that till some other measures are taken, we are like to have little or no Trading with them. However, tho' the Trade is dull, the Building of Port-Royal goes on briskly; and many stately Houses daily setting up, our Church far better than was before the Fire.

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81 Maurice. See foot-note 63 *ante.*

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Philadelphia, March 5. On Thursday last arrived here a Sloop from Virginia, who saw on the Monday before 6 or 7 Ships Enter into the Capes of Virginia. And this day arrived another Sloop from thence, who says, That about 16 Sail of Bristol and Liverpool Ships were just arrived, & had about 5 weeks passage. And that Letters from London did say, That the London Fleet from Virginia would not Sail till August next. It's said there was the greatest pressing of men in England that was ever known. A Sloop belonging to New-York was forced on Shore at the Horekills, and Peter Vander-sure the Pilot was froze to death. Last week two Sloops Sail'd for Virginia, one of them belong'd to Rhode-Island, Peter Bourdin Master.

Philadelphia, March 19. The 12th Currant 3 persons were drowned by the oversetting of a Wherry coming from Burlington hither, 5 other persons in it were saved. On the 15th arrived Capt. Bunker from Jamaica, but last from Exuma, with about 2000 bushels of Salt; he left Jamaica about the 1st of January last, and came out in Company with about 15 Sail bound for England. On the 18. arrived one Young from Fyall & St. Georges about 7 weeks passage, who saw a Vessel (supposes a Sloop by her bigness) about 200 Leagues at Sea, with her Keel uppermost, & thinks her not to be long overset, & met with several things floating on the Sea within 2 or 3 leagues off her. One Stevins arrived in 5 weeks from the Maderas, who says, that one Bignel for this place sailed 10 days before him, but is not yet arrived, Stevins spoke with 2 Bristol Ships at Sea bound for Virginia, who came out of Plimouth with the East-India Fleet, with 16 Sail of Vessels bound for Virginia, & other parts of the Main, among which was Capt. Bunman in a Briganteen from London bound hither. One Stabbel arrived from Bermuda, by whom we are acquainted that one Harriot & another whom we expected from Barbadoes were both there; And that George Palmer in a Briganteen from London (that came out with our last Ships from thence) bound hither: And Capt. Brereton whom we expected last Fall from Jamaica, both which we gave up for lost, are put in to Carolina.

New-York, March 12. The Dove, John Wilde Master, lies at the watering place waiting for a fair Wind for Piscataqua, to joyn the Convoy for England. Vessels outward bound are 2 Sloops for Curacoa, a Ship & Briganteen for Barbadoes, 2 Sloops for Jamaica & Carolina, Kersteed & Gravenrad for Boston.

New York, March 23.

On the 15th arrived here Capt. Joline in 20 days from Jamaica, & says, one Bodwin of Boston came out with him, who is bound for London, & Kept him Company till within these 8 days. That a

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Privateer of *Jamaica* had brought in there 2 rich Prizes. That a *Pacquet Boat* from *England* arrived there 5 days before he Sailed, and Advises that 35 Sail of the *Barbadoes* homeward bound Fleet was taken in Port *Lewis* & St. *Malo's*. That Capt. *Penniston* a Privateer from hence was upon the Coast of *Carocus*, & had taken several Prizes, *viz*: several *Periagars* loaden with *Cocoa*, a *French* Ship of 150 Tons loaden with *Sugar*, *Indigo*, *Cocoa*, and *Cassia Fistula* bound from *Martinico* to *France*, and had sent her to *Bermudos*; That he had also taken a Privateer of 40 men & 8 Guns, & carried her in to *Nevis*. On the 19th arrived here *Peter Leach* in a *Briganteen* from *Nevis* in 23 days, confirms the taking of so many of our *West-India* homeward bound Fleet; & that Capt. *Penniston* had sent in there a *French* *Snow*, and that *Penniston* lost 3 men in the Engagement, and that he has fitted the *Snow* for a Privateer, who is new and an incomparable Sailor, and calls her the *Revenge Gally*. That *Brigadier Mathews*, General of the *Leward Islands* is dead. That Mr. *Weaver*, Agent for the *Guinea Company* at *Gamboa* was kill'd, and the Factory taken by one *Henry Bolton*.

*Portsmouth New-Hampshire, March 30* Last Monday 3 Indians were discovered at Cape *Porpos* by a Fishing Boat, and the day after the same Tracks observed near *Wells*.

Capt. *Morris<sup>e</sup>*<sup>2</sup> Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Advice* with the Mast-Ships, and other Vessels under his Convoy for *England* imbraces the first fair Wind.

*Boston*, Our Governour has had Letters of the 8th of *February*, *via Albany* from the Messengers sent by His Excellency to *Quebeck*, in order to exchange Prisoners, who were then within a few days of *Montreal*.<sup>3</sup>

*By Letters from Bodwin wrote at Sea that came per Joline via New-York are acquainted, that Ventiman & Green both from Boston were arrived at Jamaica in February last ere he came out.*

On the 1st Currant came in here a *French* Sloop with *French* Colours abroad, wherein were 9 *French* men, 6 whereof say, they were *Souldiers* at *Port-Royal*, and deserted because of some hard usage, and that they could get no Pay: The other three say, That they were forced by the other six, who ran away from *Minas* with the Sloop which was bound for *Port-Royal*, and has on board some 3 or 4 hundred

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82 Maurice. See foot-note 63 *ante*.

83 Captain John Livingston of Connecticut and John Sheldon of Deerfield. the commissioners, and John Wells of Deerfield, their attendant. Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 500. Also see Sheldon's History of Deerfield, Vol. I, pp. 325, 326. See News-Letter Nos. 56, 60, 61, 64 *post*.

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bushels of Wheat and other Grain; several Cask and other Things: The *French* men and Sloop are secured by his Excellency the Governour.

Entered Outward Bound, *Cook* and *Norris* for *Montserrat*, *Tay* and *Chamberlin* for *Newfoundland*, *Coffin* for *Madera*, and *Eaglestone* for *Nevis*. Coasters Inwards, *Allen* from *Saybrook*, and *Hilliard* from *Millford*. Coasters Outwards, *Hedge* for *Connecticut*, *Darby*, *Holmes*, *Cornish* and *Starky* for *Pensylvania*, & *Parker* for *New-York*. Foreign Inwards, *Thomas* from *St. Turtuda*, and *Pitts* from *Virginia*. Cleared Outwards, *Adams*, *Worthilegg* and *Hathorne* for *Newfoundland*, and *Pitts* for *Nevis*.

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[Reprinted: sale of a negro woman as in March 26.]

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[MISCELLANEOUS foreign news, from *Turin*, *Hague*, *Lisbon*, *Berlin*, *Vienna* and elsewhere, fills the two columns on the first page of this issue. On the second page there is given a tabulated list of the losses which the allied forces sustained in the battle of *Blenheim*; and then there follows three quarters of a column of domestic news.]

*Port-Royal* in *Jamaica*, Febr. 19. Capt. *Venteman* from *Boston* arrived here the 7th Instant. Three days ago arrived Capt. *Reed* in the *Prudent Sarah* from *London*: The same day Capt. *Halsy* came here to get Intelligence and to procure some Necessaries, who designs to Sail a Cruising in 2 or 3 days. This day arrived the Packet Boat, who brings us certain Intelligence of our Confederate Forces taking of *Landau*; As also of the raising of the Siege of *Gibraltar* by *Sir John Lake*, who beat the *French* Fleet that besieged it by Sea, & sinking several of the Enemy's Ships, upon which the Army that lay before it by Land, drew off. On the 17th Instant, *Tew*, *Hoddy* & *Shute's* Bark Sailed for the Bay of *Hundoras* in Company with 3 *New-York* Vessels bound for the same Port.

*New-York*, April 2 Yesterday arrived Cpts. *Basset* & *Depue* in a Briganteen and Sloop from *Madera* in 6 weeks who say, that *Sir Cloudsly Shovel* is to Command the Fleet in the *Streights* this

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Summer. That Capt. *Thinhoven* who Sailed from *Bristol* for this Port in *September* last was taken and carried into *France*. Vessels Outward Bound are, *Teller* for *Pensikwania*, *Joline* for *Jamaica*, *Creago* & *NewenhuySEN* for *Curacoa*, *Perkins* for *Barbadoes*, *Leach* for *Nevis*, *Cebra* for *Antigua*, and *Gravenraedt* for *Boston*.

*New-Port Rhode-Island*, April 6. Yesterday arrived here Capt *William Wanton* in 19 days from *Antigua* who say, The French Privateers are very thick about *Antigua*, and take a great many Vessels.

*Portsmouth N Hampshire*, April 6. This day Capt. *Morrice*<sup>84</sup> Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Advice*, Sayled from *N. Castle*, bound for *England*, with the Vessels under his Convoy, *vis.* The two Mast-Ships, Capts. *Eason* and *Martin*, 6 Merchant men, *vis.* Capts. *Balston*, *Corney*, *Charnock*, *Vincent*, *Thomas* and *Wilde* (from *N. York* that arrived here the 1st. Currant,) 2 *Briganteens*, *Troy* & *Estes*, 2 *Ketches*, *Almery* & *Waterhous*, 2 *Sloops*, *Sears* and *Ball*.

*Boston*, On Monday last was Launched here, the Province *Galley* who will be ready to Sail a Cruising in 4 or 5 days.<sup>85</sup> The talk of French Privateers being on our Coast this Week, was occasioned by Capt. *Wilde* of *New-York*'s desiring to speak with some Fishing Shallops he met with to be informed by them if the Fleet for *England* was gone, and to get a Pilot for *Piscataqua*, whom the Shallops took to be a Privateer, and fled from him, and another Vessel that went hence for *Newfoundland*. *Wing* from *Jamaica* is arrived at *Martha's Vineyard*, and *Moor* from *St. Turtuda*, arrived here the 8th Currant.

Entered Outward Bound, *Flint* and *Codman* for *Barbadoes*, *Carket* for *Fyall*, *Wright* and *Chamberlin* for *Newfoundland*, *Green* for *Jamaica*, and *Adams* for *Antigua*. Coasters Inwards, *Bracket* & *Wair* from *Piscataqua*, *Coffin* from *Nantucket*, & *Blin* from *Guilford*. Outwards, *Flood* for *Piscataqua*: Foreign Inwards, *Green* from *Jamaica*, and *Plasted* from *Nevis*. Cleared Outwards, *Cook* for *Nevis* and *Chamberlin* for *Newfoundland*.

**Advertisement.**

**T**HIS PUBLICK PRINTED NEWS-LETTER was undertaken to be Published for a Publick Good, to give a true Account of all Foreign and Domestick Occurrences, and to prevent a great many false reports

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84 Maurice. See foot-note 63 *ante*.

85 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 504. Therein are narrated the circumstances under which this new "galley" or ship of war was built by the Province. The vessel was hurried for launching by reports of two vessels sighted off the coast, believed to be French privateers.

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of the same, and was propounded to be Printed for one year for a tryal viz. from the 14th of April last, to the 1st of May next, to see if the Income by the Sale thereof at a moderate price would be sufficient encouragement to defray the necessary Charge expended in the procuring and Printing of the same, which Charge is considerable beyond what most people conceive it to be, besides the trouble and fatigue attending it; all which would be too long here to enumerate, yet for some satisfaction, we will venture to set down some of the Charges and trouble that arises thereby, & leave other-some to rational persons to conceive of.

1. The Undertaker has several setts of the several Prints from England, & sent him in several Vessels, that being time of War might have one sett if the rest should be taken, which are ordered to come by all Vessels coming to our Continent where the Post is settled almost 500 miles from E. to W. from N Hampshire to Pensilvania. 2. Correspondents settled in several other Ports & places our Shipping goes to, for sending Intelligence. 3. Waiting on Masters, Merchants and others when Ships & Vessels arrive to have from them what Intelligence they can give. 4. Waiting on His Excellency or Secretary for approbation of what is Collected. 5. Paper & Printing, &c. And when so done as we said before, we set the half Sheet at a more moderate price than it was set at in Exeter in England, where they began to Print much about the same time that we began here, here it was set at 2d. and there it was at 2d. and that sterl money, & when sent out to any house in Town inclosed, they were to have Twenty Shillings per Annum, and it was propounded here to be sent out for Twelve Shillings per Annum, tho' the paper and labour, & other Charges here is 4 times at least dearer than it is at Exeter. And tho' it was proposed at such moderate Rates for both Town & Country, having had 11 months experience of the Income, & trouble & charge in procuring & Printing it; the Undertaker is money out of Pocket, & has not sufficient to defray the necessary Charge; and unless some better encouragement be given for the future, it must drop: & therefore several being desirous it should not drop but be continued, we thought fit to insert this Advertisement, That either the price for the half Sheet a week, and the Quarterly and Yearly Customers must be augmented, or else there must be more of them Sold, and more Quarterly & Yearly Customers than was last year. And therefore all Persons in Town and Country, in this & the Neighbouring Provinces who have not already paid according to their agreement for this Currant Year for said News-Letter, are now desired to do it: And those also who have a mind to encourage the supporting & printing of the said publick News-Letter for another Year, are hereby Advertised by word or writing to agree with John

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Campbell Post-Master of Boston for the same: That before the Year is elapsed it may be known if it can be undertaken for the next.

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[THE death of the duchess dowager of Holstein, sister to Prince George of Denmark, is reported from Hamburg, and there are small items of news from London, Plymouth, Falmouth, Vienna and elsewhere.]

*Suranam, Jan. 27.* Here is a Proclamation come over from *Holland* emitted by the Directors of the Assembled Society of *Suranam*, Dated at *Amsterdam* the 25th of *April*, 1704: Granting Liberty to Foreign Vessels to Trade here, at the earnest request and Solicitations of the Governour, Council and Inhabitants of this place, under such restrictions and limitations following, and the payment of such Duties, *viz.* *It is Statuted and Ordained.* That from henceforth in the Colony of *Suranam*, Foreign Vessels shall be suffered and admitted with Horses from *New-England*, *N. Netherland*, *viz.* *New-York* and the other Neighbouring Islands and Coasts or Territories, and that the Masters of such Vessels for themselves and with their Ships and Lading, have liberty to Trade with the Inhabitants as they shall think meet, observing and regulating themselves according to the Laws and Statutes of the Country, and usage of the place, namely that the said Foreign Ships may not bring in or Import any *European* Manufactories of Gold, Silver, Copper, Steel, Woolens, Silk or Linens: Nor any Wheat, Rye, Barley, Oats, or Beef; nor any *East-India* Wares or Spices, upon the forfeiture of such Wares or Commodities; As also a Fine to the value of the Goods Imported. *It's also Statuted,* That the said Foreign Ships shall not Import any Slaves for Sale, or to present as a gift, under forfeiture of the same to the *West-India* Company, and a fine of 50 pieces of Eight upon the Governour for each Slave brought in and Sold here by his knowledge or connivance, other than by the Companies, & the like fine of 50 pieces of Eight upon the Buyer of such Slave. And Lastly, That the aforesaid Ships shall not Load on Board for Transportation any Sugar, which is only permitted to the Ships of the *Netherlands*, upon forfeiture of the Sugars, to the use and benefit of the Society, and over and above a fine of 300 Guilders for each Hogshead; the one half

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to be paid by the Master, the other half by the Freighter. And the foresaid Foreign Vessels may only take or carry from hence Molasses, *Suranam* Brandy, saw'd Wood, as Beams, Planks and Heading, & all other Wares and Merchandise brought from the United *Netherlands* to *Suranam*. And the Masters or Supercargo's that have the management on Board each Ship, when they come with their Ships from any part else, but from the *Netherlands* upon the Rivers of the foresaid Colony before they break bulk or Unlade any Wares, shall give a true List and Inventory of their Goods & Loading to the Receiver of the Society here, signed by the Master, and Mate upon Oath, upon forfeiture of the said Goods, and a fine of the fourth part of the value of said Goods. As also the like Inventory Signed and Sworn to of the Goods they intend to Transport, upon the like forfeiture as above. And the Masters and Mates shall in their Certificates as well of the Imported as Exported Goods insert the price of the Laden Goods as they shall see cause to value them: And then it shall be free for the Governour, *Fiskal* or Receiver to accept of the said Goods at the price they set on them, yet so that in case the owners do desire said Goods, upon augmenting of the 6th part of the price they shall restore them to the Freighters, Factors, Masters or Owners of said Goods. The Masters of the foresaid Foreign Ships shall also pay to the Society or their Receivers here five *per cent* for the true value of all Goods both Imported and Exported upon the like forfeiture as abovesaid: Also that for each Horse, Cow or neat Beast brought in here shall be paid 3 Guilders money; As also each last or 2 Tons their Ships contain 3 Guilders coming in, and 3 Guilders going out, and the Receiver may cause an Apprizal of the Goods outward bound in said Ships if he pleases, and get the Ships remeasur'd And all this Liberty of Foreign Trade is by way of trial to prove the Experiment.

Port-Royal in Jamaica, March 13. Capt. Pullen is arrived here from Boston. And this day arrived Capt. Vial from Boston, but last from Curacao, who met with Judah Thacher and Company in a Boat at Sea, (who last Fall was taken by the French in going from Jamaica to Boston) they Ran-away from the Enemy, & were almost starved; the said Thacher is alive but cannot go alone he is so weak: The rest of his Company are all dead, they lived in the Boat 11 days without meat or drink. This day Sails for London, the Richard & Sarah, and the Crocodile, Capt. Trahee Commander, and Capt. Ventiman for Boston.

*N-York, April 9.* Last Week arrived here *Simon Pasco*, and *Charles Sleigh* in a Bark and a Sloop from *Jamaica*, and a Sloop from *Virginia*, but bring no News. His Excellency the *Ld. Cornbury*

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designs to visit the frontiers of *Albany*, and to set out on Thursday next, It was a hard Frost last night, and it blows now very hard and cold at N. West, which we fear will do great damage.

*N. Port, Rhode-Island, April 13.* Capt. *Wrightington* arrived here from *Providence*, [West Indies] who says, That the Gouvernor & Collector has deserted it, and gone for *Carolina*, and also most of the Inhabitants. That the prize mentioned in the News Letter No. 50. taken by Capt. *Penistone* is Cast away upon *Abico*, and beaten all to pieces, so that they have saved nothing: The French Capt. of said Prize, and one of the Privateers that took her is now come here in *Wrightington*. *Pinly* is come from *Boncyre* with Salt. *Hicks* is cleared for *Philadelphia*, *Butterworth* and *Rosboithum* for *Barbadoes*.

Boston, On Monday last, Two Young men, John Cunibal junior a Joyner, & Robert Reinolds a Brasier, went from Boston in a small Boat to the Islands a Gunning. the Boat overset with them, & they were both drowned, Cunnibal was found in the Boat, but the other is not yet found.

By Cap. Blew (that came Passenger in Capt. Wanton from *Montserrat* in 19 days to *Rhode-Island* mentioned in our last) we are acquainted that Capt. Beamsly Perkins that Sailed from *Nantasket* the 1st of January in a Ship of 90 Tons, 8 Guns, with 8 men & a Boy bound for *Montserat*, had a hot dispute the 12th of February last, with a French Privateer of 6 great Guns, and 94 men. e're he was taken: The Commanders name was *Fransway*; Capt. Perkins had not a man kill'd, only one dangerously wounded with a bullet in his thigh, but the French man had 22 men kill'd out-right, and all the rest dangerously wounded, except 35; After Perkins and his men cry'd for quarter, the French Capt. presented a Pistol with a brace of Bullets to his breast, but Perkins put it by with his hand, which snap'd but miss'd firing, then he stabb'd Perkins in several places with his sword, and beat him black and blue in several places of his Body: he also cut his Mates hand with a Cutlace, beat him all black and blue as he did most of the men; then turned them all ashore at *St. Thomas's* in a most miserable condition almost naked without Cloaths, or any thing left them to procure Doctors, being all miserably wounded. Cap. Blew brought them all up to *Monserat*, who are since recovered, except the one first mentioned to be dangerously wounded, he being still alive at Capt. Blew's coming away.

Entered Outward Bound, Thorpe for *Jersey*, Thomas for *Antigua*, Moor for *Newfoundland*, Smith for *Christophers*, Pitts for *Virginia*. Coasters Outwards, Flood for *Piscataqua*, Carkett for *Millford*. Foreign Inwards, Beans from *Madera*, Moor from *St. Turtuda*, Ventiman from *Jamaica*. Foreign Cleared Outwards, Norris for

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Montserat, Noyes and Goddard for Madera, and Richards for Jamaica.

On the 12th. Instant the Weather was extraordinary Cold for the Season; the frozen Earth and Water, rather resembled *February*, than *April*: and on the 6th & 10th of this month there were severe Frosts. And on the 15th. a great Easterly Storm of Wind & Rain, which continues on Monday Morning the 16th. Currant at the Printing hereof.

**Advertisements.**

**A** Cartel has lately been Settled betwixt Her Majesties Government of the Leward Careeby Islands, and the French Government of *Martinique*, for the Restitution of Prisoners on both sides depending on each Government.

The second and third Articles whereof are in *haec verba*, viz.

*That all the English who are at present in Martinique & who shall be hereafter taken from any Vessels, be they Privateers or Merchant men, and brought into this Island, or other the French Windward Islands, whither they be departing from or coming into the Government of Antigua and the rest of the Leward Islands, shall be directly sent to the Island of Antigua, without being sent first to any other place, without having regard to the Quantity or Quality; which shall be observed; so there be 25 in number, without being detained more than 10 days, and 20 days when a lesser number.*

*If in case some French Prisoners have been taken and sent by the Government of Antigua to New-England, Colonel Byam gives his Parol of Honour to enquire after them, To the end they may be sent to Martinique.*

*And His Excellency our Governour does Direct and Require all Commanders of Privateers or Merchant Vessels that Have or shall Import and bring any French Prisoners taken in the West-Indies, into the Provinces of the Massachusetts-Bay, and New-Hampshire respectively under his Command, That they immediately render all such Prisoners to His Excellency, that he may give the necessary Orders concerning them accordingly.*<sup>86</sup>

**O**N Thursday last Dyed at Boston, James Gray, That used to go up and down the Country Selling of Books, who left some considerable Estate behind him;<sup>87</sup> and 'tis confidently affirmed that he made a Will, which he left in some honest persons hand, with some other Papers, which have not yet been found: And any person in Town or Country

86 Reprinted from the News-Letter together with the items marked by foot-notes 66-77 (News-Letter Nos. 47, 49 *ante*) in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 481-482.

87 At the foot of this column in the file of the New York Historical Society is this note by Judge Sewall: "Between 5 and 6 Hundred."

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*who have said Will or Papers, are desired to bring them unto the Office of Probates in Boston.*

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[UNDER November and December dates of 1704, are news items from Vienna, Hague, Treves, London and Ratisbonne. The domestic news fills nearly one column.]

*London, Decemb. 9.* The *Zealandia*, a Flushing Privateer has taken and brought into *Plymouth* a French Prize of 80 Tuns, with Sugar, Cotton and Indigo from *St. Domingo*.

*New-York, April 16.* No Vessels are arrived here this Week. The *Pensilvania Post* was stopt here by bad Weather till *Wednesday* night, and cannot expect him till to morrow, or next day. Yesterday and Saturday was a great Storm at East, it blow'd very hard, and much Rain fell. Outward Bound are *Horton*, *James* and *Joseph Petty* for *Boston*, *Wiggin* for *Rhode-Island*, two Sloops for *Antigua* and *Jamaica*; two Briganteens for *Barbadoes* and *Nevis*. His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* goes this week for *Albany*.

*Newport-Rhode-Island, April 20.* Here is one *Bell* arrived from *Curacoa*, bound for *Conecicut*, who says. that Capt. *Halsy* got 30 able Sailors such as he wanted at *Jamaica*.<sup>88</sup>

*Boston, On Wednesday the 18th.* His Excellency went hence for his Government of *New-Hampshire*.

On Thursday arrived John Welsh in a Sloop, in 10 days from *Bermuda*, who in the Latitude 41 and an half upon *St. Georges Bank*, (in the Storm mentioned in our Last) on Monday the 16th *Current*, saw the Wreck of a Vessel that was lost there, judged to be about 100 Tons in burthen, square Stern'd, painted with yellow, seem'd to be a new Vessel, he saw several full bound Barrels, some of her carved work and pieces of Boards floating about her, and some of her Masts.

On Friday the 20th *Current*, arrived here Capt. *Jacob Fowle* in a

<sup>88</sup> Captain John Halsey of the briganteen "Charles," private-war-vessel. See *News-Letter Nos. 49 ante*, 59, 60, 63 *post*.

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Sloop of War sent out by his Excellency, who being at Anchor under Tusket Islands about 7 leagues to the North-west of Cape Sables, espied a Sloop coming into the said Harbour, upon which he got up his Anchors, and put out French Colours, the other Sloop also put out French Colours, & came so near as to Hail Fowles, but was shie to come at him, and bore in as near the surff of the Shore as they could, and dropt Anchor; there being 5 French-men on Board, who got a Shoar in their Canoo; Fowles went to the Sloop: and the 5 French-men on Shore got behind some old Logs and Bushes and fired briskly for the space of an hour upon him and his men, endeavouring to save their Sloop; at last Fowle put out his Whale Boat and got a Shore after them, but they fled into the Woods; he found on Shore one of their Arms, and supposes that he either kill'd or wounded the Owner: The Sloop came from Port-Royal, and had on Board a Cow and a Bull, and some Sheep, and is now brought to Boston, being the same Sloop that some French-men Ran-away with from hence about 3 months ago. Cap. Fowle hath brought in also 8 French Prisoners which he since took, viz. 2 men, 1 woman & 2 Children from Port Rosua, where there was 3 Families and 7 Houses, all which Houses he burnt but two; And from L 'have a man, his wife and a Boy, and burnt the House, he got little or no plunder from them, but a few feathers: The people are like to be starved for want of Provisions. <sup>89</sup>

Entered Outward Bound, *John Ventiman* and *Cole* for *Jamaica*, *Alden* for *Virginia*. Coasters Inwards, *Hilton* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Thorp* for *Amboy*, & *Smallage* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *John Welsh* from *Bermuda* Outwards Cleared, *Coffin* for *Madera*, *Gale*, *Melvin* and *Lewis* for *Barbadoes*.

The Weather this Week has been very cold, with raw Easterly Winds, an on *Fryday* it blow'd very hard, and at night there fell a great deal of Rain; *Saturday* was a very moderate day, but at night and on the Sabbath-day it blow'd very hard, the Wind being Southerly.

**Advertisement.**

**O**N Tuesday the 15th of *May* next will be Exposed to Sale by Publick Vendue, at the House of Mr. *William Bright* in *Newport* on *Rhode-Island*, one quarter part of a Farm at the South-end of *Quananicut* Island, on which liveth now *Joseph Morey*; the said

89 Captain Jacob Fowle; the sloop of war: the "Centurion," employed on her majesty's service as a cruiser from the 23d of February to the 23d of April, 1705. She was sent as a scout to Acadia: see News-Letter No. 45 *ante*, in paragraph, "Boston, On Wednesday the 14th Instant," etc. See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . Vol. VIII, p. 458; also p. 446. Also see Penhallow's Indian Wars, p. 38. Captain Fowle had another lively sea adventure in 1704. See News-Letter No. 5 *ante*, page 75 of this volume of the DIGEST.

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quarter part to be Sold to the highest Bidder, on the conditions that shall be specified at the time of the Sale.

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[FOREIGN matters occupy the first page, and a quarter of the second. From Hague, December 19, 1704, is the news that "the elector of Bavaria is very chagrin, upon account of the Treaty concluded by the electoress with the emperor" [of Austria]. A letter of December 12 preceding, "*From the Camp before Traarbach*," gives an account of the seige of that place. From Vienna, December 6, is a report of rejoicings there over the news of the reduction of the fortress of Landau. The domestic news includes abstract of the proclamation of the governor of New York relating to clipped money.]

Barbadoes, March 22. Two Vessels from New-England, viz. Habbakkuk Gardner from Salem, in the Essex Galley, and John Plasted in a Brigantine from Boston, were both chased ashore on our Island by some French Privateers: most part of both their Loading's lost; and what was saved very much damnified. We are afflicted here with the Small-pox, which has swept away a great many people, both Whites and Negro's, and makes our Country people afraid to come to Town. On the 15th Instant, arrived here William Card in a Pink from Boston, as also arrived from said Port, Jeoffrey Bedgood, and Capt. Alcock from Piscataqua; and just now a Vessel with Provisions is arrived from Belfast, we do not yet know what News she brings. No Packet has been here of a long time, but daily expected. Seven or 8 Vessels Sails this day, Welsh for Boston, 1 for Salem, 2 for Rhode-Island, 2 for New-York, and 2 for Pensilvania. Blague, Thomas and Everton will be the next for Boston.

*New-York, April 23:* On the 17th Currant, was Emitted by His Excellency the Lord Cornbury a Proclamation, Prohibiting the Importation of any clipt Money of Bits or double Bits into this Colony, from and after the space of 14 days from the date of the said Proclamation, and that person or persons so Importing, owning or claiming the same, shall be lookt upon the Clippers thereof, & be proceeded against in such manner as the Law directs in such cases. And that if any such bits & double bits shall be Imported within the said 14 days abovesaid, the person or persons so Importing, Claiming

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or Owning shall give sufficient security to carry out the same, before the expiration of the 14 days first above-mentioned, and such as do refuse, shall be subject to the penalties and prosecutions afore-mentioned.

On the 18th arrived one *Milburn* in 23 days in a Sloop from *Nevis*, in whom came Capt. *Thinhoven*, who left *Milford* the 14th of *January*, and informs us that Capt. *Potter* from *Holland*, bound hither, lay then in *Dover* waiting for a Convoy, he came out with the West-Country *Virginia* Fleet, being about 80 Sail; who were conveyed out of Soundings by the *Rye & Anglesey* Frigot. On the 19th. arrived here one *Freebody* from *Exuma*, with whom came 4 men that belonged to *Peniston's* Prize, 3 of whom are committed on suspicion of Piracy, for running away with, and robbing of said Prize, &c. such Information being given against them as we are informed. By a Sloop from *Virginia*, we are told that 3 Sloops are ashore between this and *Barnigat*, but who they are we know not. We had very dirty blowing Weather all last week. *Parker* from *Boston* arrived here last Saturday. *Thomas Byerley* Esqr. late Receiver General of this Province is suspended, & *Peter Fauconnier* Esqr. Executes that Office. His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* went for *Albany* on *Thursday* last. This week a Briganteen will Sail for *Barbadoes*, a Sloop for *Jamaica*, also this or next week a Briganteen for *Nevis*, and another for *Antigua*.

On *Wednesday* last in *Jamaica* on *Long Island*, at a Special Commission of Oyer and Terminer, and Goal-Delivery, before *Roger Mompesson* Esqr. Chief Justice of this Province and *New-Jersey*, &c. and others, one *Samuel Wood*, late of *Connecticut* Colony, was Indicted for feloniously Stealing Money and other Goods of one *John Marsh*; The Witnesses for the Prisoner as well as those against him were Sworn, and upon full Evidence he was found Guilty, & burnt in the left Cheek near the Nose with the letter *T*.

*New-port Rhode-Island*, April 27. This week arrived *John Crans-ton* from *Barbadoes*, and *Gilbert* and *Burton* from *Bermuda*, but bring no News.

*Portsmouth New-Hampshire*, On *Fryday* the 20th Currant, came here His Excellency our Governour.

*Salem*, April 28th. This week arrived here Capt. *Maston* from *Barbadoes*.

*Barnstaple*, April 25. On Monday the 16th Currant, Dyed suddenly here, *Thomas Hinkley*, Esqr. formerly Governour of *Plimouth-Colony*: Aged about 86 Years.

*Boston*, Coasters Entered Inwards, *Keirsteed* and *Horton* from *N-York*, *Grover*, *Curtice*, *Harris*, *Prince*, *Smith*, *Prentice*, *Thomas*

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& John Lathrop from Connecticut, and Lanyon from North-Carolina. Foreign Inwards, Nelmes and Gibbs from Bermuda, Wing and Pullen from Jamaica, Pickman from Nevis, Mason from Suranam, and Welch from Barbadoes. Coasters Cleared Outwards, Blin, Allyn and Coffin for Connecticut. Foreign Outwards, Captains Hunkin, Green, Codman, Armitage, Wensley, Balston and Holt for Barbadoes, Wright for Newfoundland, Green for Antigua, & Eagleston for Nevis. Entered Outward Bound, Cally for Leward-Islands, Plasted for Nevis, Keirsteed for New-York, Welsh for Antigua, and Gordin for Newfoundland.

Advertisements.

**R** An-away on Monday night last the 23d Currant from his Master Abraham Blish Hatter in Boston a young man named William Rogers, about 18 years of Age, of a middle Stature, fair fac'd, light coloured curl'd hair, he has a light colour'd Coat trim'd with Black, and a sad coloured Coat trim'd with the same colour, a saggathy colour'd Jacket like a Searge, and a strip't holland Jacket, with 2 pair of Breeches of the same, and 1 pair of cloth, a black Hat. Whosoever shall take up said Servant, and him safely convey to his above-said Master, or the Post-Master of Boston, or give any true Intelligence of him, so as his Master may have him again, shall have a sufficient Reward and Charges.

**T**HE Undertaker of this publick Print in Numb. 51. gave you an Advertisement of his motive to Print, of the trouble and charge attending it: and of his intentions to do it one year for tryal, which according to his ability and information received, is now accomplished: wherein you have successively all the Foreign Occurrences of Europe, from the 1st of November, 1703. to the middle of December, 1704. And if any will consult the Publick Prints of England in that time, considering that they Print 2 or 3 times in a week, & that we did Print here but once in a week; they will find no one piece of material News that is in them, omitted in ours: As also in our Prints you have the publick Occurrences from the West-Indies and other parts: and likewise those from our Neighbouring-Provinces, besides those of this and the Province of New-Hampshire. All which Intelligence, tho' some few Gentlemen and Merchants might have all or some part thereof, yet for the most part the people in general, in this and the Neighbouring Provinces, have it not, and what they have, variously, and often falsely reported: and a great many Providences now Recorded, that would otherwise be lost: And the Undertaker, tho' very sensible of his own inability for such a task, yet upon due encouragement given, is willing to try it for another year, unless some generous Soul (out of the many far better qualified, especially of those that are so apt & ready to carp at his weakness) will please

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to undertake it; and no one shall be found more ready to contribute for his so doing, then the present Undertaker.

A. E.

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[TWO and a half of the four columns of this issue are occupied with foreign news from London, Hague, Frankfort, Paris and Dantzick. From London, December 16, 1704, is an account of the return of the duke of Marlborough to the English capital, and his reception there.]

*Philadelphia, April 26.* On the 15 Arrived here *Carteret Gillam* from *Rhode-Island*, and on 21 *Robert Hicks* in a Sloop from the same Port: There is a Brigantin and a Sloop loading for *Fyal* and *London*. This Morning dyed the Wife of Mr. *Edward Shippen* Senior. Letters from *Plimouth*, via *Maryland* of January 29. say, that the *Jersey* Man of War met with bad Weather some few days after he parted with the Land, and lost some of his Convoy.

*New-York, April 30.* Yesterday came hither the Masters of the three Sloops which were Cast away near *Barnigatt*, by the late Easterly Storms, viz. *Archibald Morris* who was bound from *Pensilvania* for *New-York* and *Boston*, one *Jones*, who was bound from the *Horekills* to *Boston*, and one *Saunders*, bound from *Roanoak* to *Boston*, *Saunders* had one man Drowned, and saved nothing at all, & the others saved very little besides their lives.

Yesterday arrived here Capt. *Jones* in a Ship from *Bermuda*, and Capt. *Wessels* in a Sloop from *Antigua* in three Weeks, one *Pepperill* of *Boston* bound for *Piscataqua* came out in Company with him, he brings no News.

They write from *Albany* that his Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* upon his arrival at the Fronteers found all things well and in good order, we expect his return the latter end of this week.

Vessels Outward bound are *Wessels* for *Newfoundland*, *Depue* for *Jamaica*, *Sleigh* for *Suranam*, *Basset* for *Nevis*, *Parker* for *Pensilvania*, *Walker* for *Virginia*, *Stead* for *St. Thomas*, *Adolph* for *Boston*, and *Pasco* for *Jamaica*, and *Milbourn* for *Nevis*.

*Boston*, On Thursday last arrived here Capt. *John Alden* from *Lisbon* by whom we have the following Advice from *London*, [Here follows three quarters of a column of foreign news.]

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Coasters, Entered Inwards, Jeffries from *Carolina*, Rhodes from *Amboy*, Walters, *Woodbury*, Foster and Loring from *Connecticut*. Foreign Inwards *Chamberlin* from *Nevis*, *Tew* from *Honduras*, *Gravenraedt* from *New-York*, *Carey* from *Antigua*, *Hunt* from *Jamaica*, and *Waters* from *Lisbonne*. Coasters, Outwards, *Lyford*, *Prentice*, *Codman*, *Curtice*, *Horton*, and *Smith* for *Connecticut*, and *Keirsteed* for *New-York*. Foreign Outwards *Moor* for *Newfoundland*. Outward bound, *Wing* for *Jamaica*, *Gibbs*, *Welsh* and *Nelmes* for *Bermuda*.

**Advertisement.**

**N**O Better qualified Undertaker appearing to Print the Publick Occurrences; and several Gentlemen, Merchants and others being willing to Contribute to its support, have desired that it be proceeded on where we left off, not doubting but several others will follow their good Example, whereby the Undertaker may be enabled effectually to carry it on, at least another year: And therefore all Persons in Town and Country, who have a mind to lend their helping hand to promote and encourage it, are desired to Agree with John Campbell Post-master of Boston for the same.

**M. E.**

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[**B**EGINNING with a review of European affairs for the year 1704, this issue is nearly all taken up with that review and an account of the battle at St. Johns, Newfoundland. Among the domestic items are reports upon French and Indian War matters brought from Quebec.]

*London, December 28. 1704.*

**T**HIS year drawing near its conclusion, we shall take this opportunity, according to our usual method, to present the Reader with an Epitomie of the Transactions of the last Campaign; and endeavour to draw them into such an order, that all of them may appear in view. I am sensible that this is very difficult, if not altogether impossible, because of the many wonderful things that have been transacted this year; but as we do only design to hint at things, and not to describe them, we hope the Reader will kindly supply what shall be found wanting, especially considering what we have said at large of those Transactions in the times wherein they happen'd. [Then follows the beginning of a

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resume of the foreign news of the year, filling nearly two columns of the first page.]

St. Johns, Newfoundland, April 21. At break of day on Sunday Morning the 21st of January last, our Harbour was beset with about Six or Seven hundred men, *viz.* French Souldiers, Inhabitants and Fishermen from *Placentia* Some *Accadians* as *Pessemegady* and *Port Royall*, and *Cannadians* from *Quebeck* and places adjacent, and 50 *N-England* Eastern Indians, with *Easecombuit* their Captain, all under the Command of Monsieur *Supercosse* Governour of *Placentia*; who made the whole Harbour Prisoners of War in two hours time excepting the Garrison which was the Fort & Castle. The Enemy the night before, lay near the Harbour in the Snow that was 6 Foot deep on the ground, and durst not make any Fires for fear of being discovered; Monsieur *Supercosse* being wet and cold gave orders in the Morning at the first Attack to give no quarters, and accordingly they kill'd all at the first houses they came to: But the *Cannadians* and *Indians* withstood Monsieur *Supercosse*, and gave quarters for a Season. The Enemy sent the Women and Children about 142 into the Garrison: They laid Siege to it five Weeks time, there was not a man that got into the Fort but three, and about 17 that got from the Southside of the Harbour into the Castle: In the Fort were only 40 men under the Command of brave Capt. *Moody*, who behaved himself most valiantly, and in the Castle were 12 Souldiers and the 17 Inhabitants under the Command of Mr. *Latham*. Monsieur *Supercosse* took a Child and barbarously cut its throat, and sent it by a Souldier with a Message to the Garrison, That if they did not Surrender to him, he would so serve all therein, and the Prisoners that he had taken; upon which Capt. *Moody* bid the Messenger be gone else he would shoot him, replying to Monsieur *Supercosse's* Message, That both himself & the men of the Fort & Castle were resolved to dye with their Sword in hand ere they Surrendered; Capt. *Moody* plyed the Enemy so with great Guns, Bombs and Morters, that there was killed of the Enemy with their own Confession between 180 and 200 men; And on our side there was but two men kill'd in the Garrison, and one at the Castle, but there was kill'd about 30 and Captivated of our men about 130 at our Harbour and other places. The Indians Murthered 7 men at *Torbay*, and the French barbarously Murthered 6 more because they could not carry so great a burthen 6 Miles through the Woods as the Enemy would have them. The Enemy finding that they could not take the Fort and Castle, They burnt all the houses here but 5 and the Church, and went back to the Southward burning and demolishing all where they came: They burnt all *Ferryland* and hove the

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Salt out of Doors. Monsieur *Supercosse* gave orders to the Indians and Canadians to cross over the Land to *Conception Bay*, *Trinity* and *Bonavist*, and there to burn and destroy all where they came. But after the Frenches departure from St. John's Advice was sent to *Carboniere* and other places and the Inhabitants of *Carboniere* got upon the Island with most of their effects, and having 5 Guns they were supplyed with Ammunition and Small Arms from the Garrison of St. John's and defended themselves; but the Indians burnt all their Stages and Boats: And we hope the other places did also secure and defend themselves from the Enemy. Monsieur *Supercosse* sent back several of the Prisoners but carried with him the most of the able Fishermen. Capt. *Wane* from *Boston* arrived at St. John's the 9<sup>th</sup> of *April*, and Capt. *Moody* Commander in Chief Imprest the Sloop to carry a Packet to *England*, to give an Account of the whole affair: Capt. *Pickman* also arrived from *Boston* said day, and the 16<sup>th</sup>. of *April* arrived Capt. *Pickering* at *Ferryland* from *Boston*. There is no other Vessels arrived from *Europe*, or any other place. We expect a Squadron of Men of War towards the Fall.

*Portsmouth, N. Hampshire, May 11.* *Samuel Hill* of *Wells* (who was taken Captive by the Indians) came hither on *Fryday night*, last from *Quebeck* with two French men sent by the *Governour of Canada*, who brought Letters from him and Capt. *Livingston* to His Excellency our *Governour*; Capt. *Livingston* arrived there the 26<sup>th</sup>. of *February*, and designs to be back the 20<sup>th</sup>. of this Month, with the *Governour of Canada*'s proposals for Exchange of Prisoners: There is 100 of our Captives in the hands of the French, and about 70 Children with the Indians.<sup>90</sup> A small party of French and Indians went about the beginning of *November* last to *Placentia*, to joyn the Forces there in order to make an Attack upon St. John's in *Newfoundland*, among whom was *Eascombit*. Several of our Eastern Indians at *Canada* are not pleased with the French Treatment, the *Governour* not being able to supply them according to promise, by reason of the Miscarriage of their Store-Ship. They have not had the Small Pox as was reported but the Measels. Provisions are not plenty among them. There was about 600 French, and Indians of near equal number in the Expedition to *Lancaster* last year, many of whom dyed in their return, and several since, they were almost Starved, and constrained to eat the bark of Trees: Their chief Commander continues yet ill. A few days after Capt. *Livingston*'s arrival at *Quebeck* the *Governour* ordered about 500 Indians to be

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90 Reprinted from the *News-Letter* in *Notes*, in *The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay*: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 500. See *News-Letter* Nos. 50 *ante*, 60, 61, 64 *post*.

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made ready for some Expedition, they give out that it is to be a guard to that place, but 'tis to be feared that they have a design upon *New-England*. When Mr. *Hill* and the two Frenchmen came to *Kinnebeck* they met with a Track of about 30 Indians as they judged, and about the same time they came here from *Casko*, a man and two Children were kill'd near Mr. *Curtis*'s house at *Spruse Creek*, 3 Women and several Children taken away Captive: There was about 10 Indians discovered; His Excellency has ordered Major *Walton* to detach a Company to Scout from *Nitchewanock* to *Wells*, and Col. *Hilton* to detach another to Scout from *Kingstoun* near *Exeter* to *Nitchewanock*.

On Saturday last, the 5th instant, dyed here the honourable Coll. *Samuell Allen*, Esq. formerly Governour of this Provence, aged about 70 years, and was interred on Wednesday the 9th currant.

*Philadelphia*, May <sup>3d</sup>. Last night arrived here *Parker* from *Boston*, and its said that *Darby* is arrived from the said Port at *Salem* in *New-Jersey*.

*New-York*, May 7<sup>th</sup>. On the 4<sup>th</sup>. Instant His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* returned hither from *Albany*, and to Morrow sets out for His Government of *New-Jersey*. On the 6<sup>th</sup>. Instant arrived here a Briganteen from *England* and *Holland*, *John Potter* Master, who left *Plymouth* the 11<sup>th</sup>. of *March*, under Convoy of Admiral *Whetstone*, with 7 or 8 Men of War bound for *Jamaica*; several Ships for the *West India's*, 6 or 7 for *Virginia*, and a Briganteen for *Philadelphia*, (*Burman* Master) came out with that Convoy, by whom we have advice, That two men of War, a fifth and a sixth Rate are appointed for this place, and that Capt. *Pain* in the *Greyhound* Gally, Capt. *Cumby* and Capt. *Jeffers* who are bound hither were preparing to come out with the first Convoy, they hope to come with the Men of War bound hither. No certainty when the *Virginia* Fleet will come out. Capt. *Law* and *Leventhorp* of this place, and *Guy* of *Philadelphia*, who went from hence under Convoy of the *Jersey* are taken. That Mr. *Penn* was about Surrendring his Government of *Pensilvania*. Capt. *Gilbert*, *Hermitage*, *Guyn* and *Hill* of *Boston*, have been taken, and are come Passengers in this Briganteen. That there was a strict Embargo in *England*. Vessels Entered out since last Post only *Adolph* for *Boston*.

*Boston*, On Fryday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Instant, His Excellency our Governour returned from His Government of *New-Hampshire*.

Coasters, Entered Inwards *Sargeant*, *Flood*, *Giddis*, *Gidden*, *Hilton* and *Webber* from *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, *Jarvies* from *Nevis*, *Diamond* and *Hoddy* from the *Bay*, *Waters* from *Newfoundland*, and *Pepperil* from *Antigua*. Coasters, Outwards *Lathrop*,

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and *Harris* for *Connecticut*. Foreign cleared Outwards, *Calley* for *Leward-Islands*, *Fisher* and *Alden* for *Virginia*, and *Welch* for *Antigua*. Outward Bound, *Pullen* for *Jamaica*, *Chambers*, *Wilkins* and *Webber* for *Barbadoes*, and *Green* for *Antigua*.

Advertisement

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[BEGINNING the first column of the first page of this issue is a continuation of the review of the year 1704 and this fills three columns, ending with the editorial paragraph immediately below.]

These are the chief Transactions in the year 1704 which has been in particular so Glorious to the Arms of *England* and the States, and which promises us so many advantages in the next, and gives us hopes that GOD will at last hear the Cries of the Oppressed, and deliver the Christian World from the miseries they groan under, through the Ambition of a Prince, who since the begining of his Reign, has made it wholly his business to disturb the Peace of Mankind. While the rest of the World is expos'd to the Calamities inseparable from War, *England* alone enjoys the benefits of Peace, under the Government of a QUEEN, who is the delight of her Subjects, as well as the Terror of her Enemies. We have felt little or nothing of the effects of the War and the Promises in *Psal. 144* to the People who have the Lord for their God, have been litterally fulfill'd in our case. We have had plenty of everything, there has been no leading into Captivity, no complaining in our Streets. Happy *England*, if we do but know our own Happiness, and do not provoke by our Divisions and Sins the Almighty to withdraw from us the visible marks of his Favour and Protection.

*London, March 2. Via New-York, per Capt. Potter* we have the following advice, That Capt. *Rymes* was loaden ready to Sail for *Boston*, but was stopt by an Embargo. That Capt. *Mason* was still at *Millford*. That there is an Act of Parliament past for Encouraging the bringing of Naval Stores from the Plantations to *England*. By the Packet yesterday we had the Account of Capt. *Miles*'s arrival at *Lisbon* from *Boston*. That there is a Ship of Mr. *Ourfells* from

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*Bristol* bound for *Boston*. That Capt. *Rouse* from *Boston* and *Barbadoes* is arrived at *Plimouth*. That the *Gosport* Man of War from *Lisbon* and *New-England* was arrived at *Falmouth* the 23d. *December*; [Here follows a quarter column of foreign news items.]

*New-York*, May the 14th. No Vessels arrived here since my last. The *Pensylvania* Post not yet come in, and suppose the three days of bad Rainy Weather last week has hindered him. We hear Capt. *Burman* from *London* arrived their the 6th. Instant, who came out with Capt. *Potter* that arrived here the same day. One *Odell* the Forger<sup>91</sup> of your Paper Bills of Credit is here in Goal, and will be sent to *Boston*. Vessels Outward bound are *Stilwill* and *Phenix* for *Virginia*, *Sherlock* for *Barbadoes*, and *De Groof* and *Sands* for *Boston*.

*Boston*, On Wednesday the 16th. *Currant* arrived here Capt. *William Everton* from *Barbadoes* in about a Months Passage, he came out in Company with about Seventeen Sail for our *Continent*, and by Letters thence are acquainted, That we have taken two of the chief French Privateers: And that Capt. *Bowdage* and the several Vessels that Sailed with him from *Boston*, were all safe arrived but three, Two of which (we are informed by a Vessel that arrived at *Salem*, that came out of *Barbadoes* in the night after Capt. *Everton* Sailed) are since arrived, and that there is only *Berry* missing.

Coasters, Entered Inwards, *Peter Coffin* from *Nantucket*: Foreign Inwards, *Price* from *Montserrat*, and Capt. *Everton* from *Barbadoes*. Coasters Outward *Grover*, *Loring* and *Prince* for *Connecticut*, and *Parker* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Cleared outwards, *Welch* for *Bermuda*, *Ruck* for *Antigua*, *Wilkins* for *Ruanock*, *James* for *Newfoundland*, *Wing* and *Coale* for *Jamaica*. Outward bound, Capts. *Michael Gill* for *Newfoundland*, *Richard Fysfield* for *Barbadoes*, and *Nathaniel Jarvis* for *Jamaica*.

Advertisement.

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M. E.

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NY

[UNDER date "London, March 2. via New York, per Capt. *Potter*" are advices from all the European centers, filling nearly three columns of this issue.]

91 See News-Letter Nos. 15, 17 (1704) ante, 59, 60, 61, 82 post.

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St. John's Newfoundland, May 5. On the 2d. Currant arrived here a ship from Lisbon in a Month's passage, who gives this Advice; [here follows a brief account of the defeat of the French squadron before Gibraltar.]

*Philadelphia, May 11.* *Darby* from *Boston* arrived here the 6th Instant, and designs this day down the River for *Salem* to load for *Boston*; & *Burman* in a Briganteen from *London* arrived on the 8th. who came out with Capt. *Potter* that is arrived at *New-York*.

*New-York May 21st.* Last week arrived here three Sloops and a Briganteen from *Barbadoes*, a Sloop from *Carolina* & a Sloop from *Nevis* in 21 days, who advise of a Packet boat being taken in sight of the Island about three weeks ere he sailed. Yesterday arrived a Barque and a Sloop from *Virginia* bound to *Boston*, in the first came Mr. *Jeffery Gray* who Sayes, the *Strumbulo* Man of War will Sail for *England* the 15th. *June*, but the Fleet will not Sail with her, expecting a better Convoy from *Lisbon*.

*New-Port, Rhode-Island, May 25* This week arrived a Vessel in 14 days from St. *Christophers*, by whom we are acquainted, That there was two French Privateers taken and brought in there, and that Admiral *Whetson* with a Squadron of Men of War was arrived at *Nevis* from *England*: and had brought in there another French Privateer whom he took, and that there was two more taken and carryed in to *Barbadoes*.

*Piscataqua May 25.* On Monday last the Sculking Indian Enemy kill'd one man near *Kittery* in the Province of *Main*, and Wounded another.

Boston, Coasters, Entered Inwards, James and Joseph Petty, Vail, and Hedge from Connecticut, Starky from Carolina, Jackson, James, Hedge and Elwel from Piscataqua. Foreign Inwards, Capt. Breed and Burbank from Jamaica, Webster and Northy from N. Carolina, Fidling from South Carolina, Hart from N. foundland, Bedgood and Thomas from Barbadoes. Coasters Outwards, Lyford for Piscataqua, and Walter for N. Haven. Foreign, Cleared Outwards, Gibbs and Nelms for Bermuda, Thomas Meers for Jamaica, Joseph Dean for Suranam, Richard Fyfield for Barbadoes, and Francis Plasted for Nevis. Outward bound, Jonathan Hart, and William Chamberlin for Antigua, John Diman for Jamaica, William Jeffries for Ruanock, Solomon Gardner for Nevis, and Andrew Grauenraedt for New-York.

Letters from *Antigua Via N. York*, acquaint us, That Capt. *Thomas Dudley* in the Packet boat bound from *Barbadoes* to *Jamaica*, was taken and carryed into *Martinico*, and that he was come up to

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*Antigua* in a Flag of Truce. That there was about 12 more Vessels lately taken and carryed into *Martinico*, one whereof is said to be *Emms* of Boston, and 7 *Bristol* men.

**Advertisement.**

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From **Monday** May 28. to **Monday** June 4 1705.

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[**B**ESIDES December and January news from Paris, Vienna, Venice, Hamburg, and Hague, there are items from "London, Mch. 2. Via New York, per Capt. Potter," and from White-hall, January 3, an account of the ceremonies attendant upon the reception of the standards and colors taken in the battle of Blenheim and the conveying them "to Westminster-Hall, where the said Standards & Colours were put up, to remain there as Trophies of that signal Victory wherewith it pleased Almighty GOD to bless the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies, under the conduct of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, against a superior Number of the Enemy; and of the Honour which her Majesty's Subjects gained in that memorable Day, not to be parallel'd in the History of many ages." The feature of the domestic news is the record of the "Anniversary Election."]

*New-York, May 28th.* Last Week Cap *Bill* arrived here from *Curacoa*, and 2 *Bermudians* with Salt: Cleared for *Boston*, *Adolph*, *de Groof*, and *Wiggins*, *Pasco* and *Depue* for *Jamaica*, *Bond* for *London* *Via Virginia*, and *Stillwell* for *Maryland*. Several Vessels are loading for *Barbadoes*, *Nevis* and *Curacoa*.

*Newport Rhode-Island, June 1.* On 27th *May* arrived here Capt. *John Halsey* from the *West-Indies*, and on the 30th of *May* came in the Spanish Prize which he took being a Ship of about 130 Tons and 8 Guns, Loaden with Brandy, Canary, some Chests of Sugar, some Bails of Paper, and some Snuff and Oyl.<sup>92</sup>

*On Thursday Night May 31.* *Thomas Odell* the Forger of the Bills of Credit of the Colony of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, being in Irons on Board *Derick Adolph* in order to be carried to *Boston*, to be Tryed for his Crime, made his escape.<sup>93</sup>

92 Captain *John Halsey*. See News-Letter Nos. 49, 53 *ante*, 60, 63 *post*.

93 See News-Letter Nos. 15, 17 (1704) *ante*, 57, 60, 61, 82 *post*.

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By a Sloop from St. *Christophers* we are acquainted, that 10000 *Spaniards* have revolted from the Duke of *Anjou* to King *Charles III.* The Advice came by Admiral *Whetstone* who is gone for *Jamaica* with 14 Sail of Merchant Men, whereof Capt. *Bant* is one.

Boston, Wednesday the 30th of May, being the Anniversary  
ELECTION: There was Chosen as Members of Her  
Majesty's Council for this Province for the Ensuing  
Year, Viz.<sup>44</sup>

*Wait Winthrop* Esqr. *James Russel* Esqr. *John Hathorne* Esqr. *Elisha Hutchinson* Esqr. *Samuel Sewall* Esqr. *Isaac Addington* Esqr. *William Brown* Esqr. *John Phillips* Esqr. *Jonathan Corwin* Esq *John Foster* Esq. *Penn Townsend* Esq *John Higginson* Esq *Samuel Partridge* Esq. *Andrew Belcher* Esq. *Samuel Legg* Esq. *Edward Bromfield* Esq *Ephraim Hunt* Esq *Samuel Appleton* Esq *John Walley* Esq *John Thacher* Esq *Isaac Winslow* Esq. *Nathanael Payne* Esq *Eliakim Hutchinson* Esq *Joseph Hammond* Esq *Benjamin Brown* Esq *Joseph Lynde* Esq. *Samuel Hayman* Esqr, and *Simeon Stoddard* Esqr.

*The Members of the House of Representatives for the several  
Towns are as follows. And those that have this  
Mark \* are New Ones.*<sup>44</sup>

Boston, Mr. Tho. Oakes, Speaker. Capt. Sam Checkley Capt. Eph. Savage. Mr. Eliz. Holyoke *Roxbury*, Mr. Wil Denison. *Dorchester*, Mr. Hopestil Clap. *Milton*, Capt. Tho. Vose. *Braintrey*, Mr. John Baxter. *Weymouth*, Capt. Steph. French. *Dedham*, \*Mr. John Fuller. *Medfield*, Mr. John Metcalfe. *Hingham*, \*Mr. Josiah Levit. *Salem*, *Samuel Brown* Esq \*Capt. Sam. Gardner. *Ipswich*, Mr. Nehem Jewet. \*Mr. Nath. Koolton *Newbury*, \*Capt. Hen. Somersby. *Lynn*, \*Mr. Joseph Newhall. *Marblehead*, \*Mr. Sam. Reed. *Beverley*, \*Mr. Sam.

44 Printed, revised, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 113-115. In the list of members of the council are these changes in the Province Laws print: Russell for Russel; Browne for Brown in both cases; Paine for Payne. In the list of representatives, the following: Dorchester, Hopestill for Hopstil Clap; Braintree, Lieut. Baxter instead of Mr.; Hingham, Leavitt for Levit; Salem, Browne for Brown; Ipswich, Jewett for Jewet, and Knoulton for Koolton; Newbury, Somersby for Somersby; Lynn, Ensign Newhall instead of Mr.; Wenham, Deacon Fiske instead of Mr. Fisk; Gloucester, Mr. Allin instead of Capt. Allen; Rowley, Capt. Dresser instead of Mr.; Salisbury, Morill for Morril; Amesbury, Fowler for Fowler; Sudbury, Browne for Brown; also added to Sudbury Mr. John Brigham; Marlborough, Brigham for Bridgham; Billerica, Lieut. Willson instead Mr. Wilson; Woburn, Maj. Converse Esq. instead of Converse Esq.; Reading, Sweene for Swain; Sherburne, William Rider, senior instead of William Rider; Medford, Lieut. Willis instead of Mr.; Barnstable, Hamlen for Hamlin; Springfield, Deacon Hitchcock instead of Mr.; Hadley, Mountague for Montague; Hatfield, Samuel Marsh, senior instead of Samuel Marsh; Rehoboth, Col. Walker instead of Mr.; Swansey, Perce for Pierce; Kittery, Leighton for Layton.

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Balch. *Wenham*, Mr. Wil. Fisk. *Topsfield*, \*Mr. Elisha Perkins. *Glocester*, Capt. \*Joseph Allen. *Rawley*, Mr. John Dresser. *Salisbury*, \*Mr. Isaac Morril. *Amesbury*, \*Mr. Thomas Fowler. *Andover*, \*Capt. Christoph. Osgood. *Haverhill*, Mr. Sam. Watts. *Charlestown*, Capt. Samuel Phipps. *Cambridge*, Cap. Tho. Oliver. *Newton*, \*Capt. Isaac Williams *Watertown*, \*Mr. Nath. Bright. *Sudbury*, \*Mr. William Brown. *Wrentham*, \*Mr. Richard Puffer. *Marlborough*, \*Mr. Sam. Bridgham. *Concord*, \*Mr. Simon Davis. *Chelmsford*, Cap. Jer. Bowers. *Billerica*, \*Mr. John Wilson. *Wooburn*, James Converse Esq. *Reading*, Maj. Jer. Swain. *Malden*, \*Mr Phineas Upham. *Sherbourn*, Mr. Wil Rider. *Dunstable*, \*Cap Wil. Tyng. *Lancaster*, Mr. John Houghton *Medford*, Mr. Thomas Willis. *Groton*, Cap. Jonas Prescott. *Plymouth*, [Captain John Bradford?] <sup>95</sup> \**Situate*, Mr. Sam. Clap *Marshfield*, \*Mr. Eph. Little. *Bridgewater*, \*Mr. David Perkins. *Duxbury*, \*Mr. David Alden. *Barnstable*, \*Mr. James Hamlin *Yarmouth*, \*Mr. Sam. Sturges. *Eastham*, Mr. Samuel Knowles. *Springfield*, Mr. John Hitchcock, *Northampton*, Cap. Preserved Clap. *Hadley*, \*Mr. Peter Montague. *Hatfield*, \*Mr. Sam. Marsh. *Westfield*, \*Mr. Nath. Bancroft. *Bristol*, \*Mr. Nath Blagrove. *Rehoboth*, \*Mr. Samuel Walker. *Swansey*, Mr. Eph. Pierce. *Taunton*, \*Mr. Jos. Tisdale. *Dartmouth*, \*Mr. Jos. Tripp. *York*, Captain Lewis Bane *Kittery*; Mr. John Layton. *Wells*, \*Capt. Jos. Hill. *Nantucket*, \*Capt. Rich. Gardner.

On *Tuesday* the 29th of *May* towards Evening, a Fishing Shallop, one *Gammon* Master, was surpriz'd and taken off *Winter Harbour* where she was Fishing, by 5 or 6 Canoo's of Indians, that came out from thence. His Excellency has ordered the *Province-Gally* and another Vessel to Range the Eastern Coast. And we hope the Enemy shall be taken, and the Shallop recovered.

The Anniversary Election Sermon was Preached by the Reverend Mr. *Joseph Easterbrooks*, Minister of *Concord*, upon these words, *Gen. 12. 2. And I will make of thee a great Nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a Blessing.*

Coasters Entered Inwards, *John Hedge* from *Fairfield*, *John Webb* from *Milford*, *Elwell*, *Flood*, *Felt*, *Bracket* and *Parker* from *Piscataqua*. Coasters Outward, *Allen* and *Jackson* for *Piscataqua*, *Tho Lanyon* for *North-Carolina*, *William Marsh* and *John Holt* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *Jeremiah Cushing* from *Virginia*. Foreign Cleared Outwards, *Richard Green* and *Joseph Flint* for *Antigua*, & *Thomas Hudson* for *New-York*. Entered Outward Bound, *Abel Jones* for *Jamaica*, *John Hoddy*, *Philip Lewis*, *John Stevens* and *John Bennet* for *Antigua*.

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95 This name rubbed and indistinct.

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*Darby* is arrived from *Pensilvania*, and *Hathorne* from *Newfoundland*.

**Advertisement.**

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**R. E.**

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[**T**HE principal foreign news, which largely occupies this issue, is an account, from Lisbon, April 24, of the failure of the attack upon Gibraltar by the combined French and Spanish forces on land, supported by the French fleet, and the destruction of the fleet by the English squadron under Vice Admiral Sir John Leake. There is other news from Milan, Vienna and elsewhere.]

New-York, June 4. On Thursday last dyed Mr. Jer. Tothil, one of our Aldermen; and yesterday Dyed Mr. Caleb Cooper Merchant. Our Assembly met on the 1st Instant, but were Adjourned to Thursday next. His Excel. the Lord Cornbury sets out this day from Burlington, and designs to be here on Wednesday next. Capt Defrees Commander of a Privateer of 120 men fitted out here, waits for a Wind to go to Sea, & so does Capt. Bond who is bound for London Via Virginia with the Strombulo Man of War, who is said to Sail from thence the 10th of July. Vessels Outward bound are Dunskum & Launer for Barbadoes, Thinhoven for Jamaica, Coward for England, via Virginia, Potter & Dawson for Nevis, Wessels for Antigua, Dill for St. Christophers, Sandford for Carolina, Bill and Jourdain for Curacoa, Hunt for St. Thomas, and Crooke for Madera. Codman Sailed from hence last week for Pensilvania.

New-Port Rhode Island, June the 8th. On Wednesday the 6th. Currant, Thomas Odell, (mentioned in our last,) who made his escape, was found in a Barn two Miles out of Town, & is now in close Prison.<sup>96</sup> Capt. Halsy's Prize is not yet condemn'd.<sup>97</sup>

96 See News-Letter Nos. 15, 17 (1704), 57, 59 *ante*, 61, 82 *post*.

97 Captain John Halsey, commander of the briganteen Charles, private-man-of-war. See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p 526. See News-Letter Nos. 49, 53 *ante*, 63 *post*.

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*Boston, On Monday the 4th. Currant, The Annual Artillery Election Sermon was Preach'd by the Reverend Mr. Thomas Bridge, one of the Ministers of Boston,<sup>98</sup> upon these words in, *Dan. 11. 32.* And such as do wickedly against the Covenant, shall be corrupt by Flatteries: but the People that do know their God, shall be strong, and do exploits.*

Capt. *Thomas Savage*<sup>99</sup> was chosen Captain, Mr. *Thomas Fitch* Lieutenant, and Mr. *John Kilby* Ensign of the Honorable Artillery Company, and approv'd of by His Excellency.

Capt. *John Livingston* with the other Messengers sent by His Excellency our Governour, to the Governour of *Cannada* at *Quebeck* to concert the Exchange of Prisoners, returned this day, with whom there came Capt. *Cortemange*, from the Governour of *Canada*, in order to settle the same.<sup>100</sup>

On Wednesday night the 6th. Instant, Three Ships coming from *Lisbon*, viz. Capts *Myles*, *Miller*, and *Parsons*, It being Foggy Weather occasioned an Alarm in the Town of *Boston*; where was a great Appearance of men in the Train bands.

Coasters, Entered Inwards, *Job Almy* from *Rhode-Island*, *Eleazar Darby* from *Pensilvania*, and *Samuel Sand* from *Long-Island*. Coasters Outwards, *Lathrop*, *Sturges*, *James & Joseph Petty*, *Horton & Hedge* for *Connecticut*, *Job Almy* for *Rhode-Island* Foreign Inwards, Capts. *John Myles*, *Thomas Miller & Benj. Parsons* from *Lisbon*, *Obadiah Wakefield* from *Virginia*, & *Zach. Syms* from *Fyal*. Foreign Cleared Outwards, *Jer. Tay* for *Virginia*, Cap. *Michael Gill*<sup>101</sup> for *Newfoundland*, *John Stevens* for *Nevis*, *Rich. Thomas* for *Antigua*, *Rob. Starky* for *N. Carolina*, *John Venteman & John Pullen* for *Jamaica*. Outward Bound, *Sam. Winckle*, *John Alden*, *Nath. Perkins & Alexander Baker* for *Barbadoes*.

### Advertisements.

AT the Warehouse of Messieurs *Bromfield* and *Burroughs*, at the Town Dock in *Boston*, There are to be Sold long Tobacco Pipes by the Cask, to be taken by the Contents, whole and broken, at Three Shillings and Six Pence per Groce, or Five Shillings by the

98 Minister of the First Church of *Boston*, 1705-1715.

99 Son of Lieutenant-Colonel *Habijah Savage*, captain of a militia company, and nephew of Lieutenant-Colonel *Thomas Savage*, colonel of the *Boston Regiment*. Born in *Boston* in 1664, died there in 1721.

100 Reprinted from the *News-Letter* in *Notes*, in *The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay*: . . . Vol. VIII, p. 500. "Capt. *Cortemange*:" the printer's spelling of the name of *Sieur de Courtemanche*. See *News-Letter* Nos. 50, 56 *ante*, 61, 64 *post*.

101 For an account of Captain *Gill's* sea fight with a company of French and Indians in the harbor of *St. John's*, *Newfoundland*, in August, 1704, see the *News-Letter*, No. 25, page 130 *ante*.

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Single Groce for whole Pipes told out.

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[FOREIGN news, comprising a large part of this issue, is mainly from Vienna, Paris, Venice, Ratisbon and Genoa. From "Smolensko in Muscovy, December 25," 1704, there is an account of the czar's treatment of his rebellious subjects: "some are hang'd; others Beheaded; others again Burned, and some even wasted. The Czar, who has exiled the Princess *Sophia*, his Sister to Silk, has also caused the Hands of his Brother-in-law to be saw'd off with a wooden Saw."]

Barbadoes May 24th. Some few days ago there arrived here a Pacquet from England, by whom we have the following Advice, That he left England the 10th. of April, and just before his Sayling there was brought into Plymouth, Thirteen Sail of French Privateers, from 20 to 36 & 40 Guns a piece. And that two English men of War nigh the Channel of England met with a French Fleet from Martinico bound for France, under convoy of a Man of War of 60 Guns, and Sunk the French man of War and Took 6 of the Merchant men, whom they brought in. And also confirms Sir John Leake's Action at Gibraltar.

The Fleet bound hence for London consisting of about 40 Sail under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the Warrick of 50 Guns, will Sail in 17 days, with whom will Sail the Vessels bound for New-England. James Berry arrived here in 8 days after the arrival of the Fleet from Boston. The Warrick Man of War has taken Two Tramponsis, and three French Merchant men, which are brought in here. There is a Flagg of Truce gone from hence to Martinico, in order to Settle the Castel for the Exchange of Prisoners.

'Tis also reported, That there was about 12 or 14 Sail of Ships bound from France to Martinico loaden with Stores and Provisions who were taken by a Squadron of our Men of War, near the Channel of England.

Philadelphia, June 8th. On Sunday last arrived here *Joshua Cornish*, and *Clement Jackson* Sailed the 4th. Currant for *Piscataqua*. The *Virginia* Fleet from *England* is dayly expected at *Virginia*.



... in this Fort; but they found the Fort  
ravaged, the Cano's cut to pieces, and the  
people all either butchered or Captived.  
This gave them no little surprise, and they  
left the *Englyssh* this scene of it. That a  
body of *French*, lately returning from the  
Sould of *Canada*, brought several French Pri-  
soners with them. This calling at this Fort  
in their way, the *Indians* there (being them-  
selves unable to resist them did put  
Complements with them and partake of their  
Booties. That a *French* Captive after this  
escaping from the *Englyssh* informed the  
French that these *Indians* had revolted unto  
the *Native*, and were now in the French  
Kingdom.

one of ours that were in their hands. These two Captives escaped in a balloon, and were soon after seen to have got out. They were seen to be in the possession of all the Grenadiers of a Firing-sha-



to visit this Fort; but they found the Fort ruined, the Canoe's cut to pieces, and the above one hundred Sail daily run between *France* and *England*, with meat for Man and Beast. His Master being unwilling to trust his *Indians* for it. That a body of *Indians* lately returning from the *Spoil of Canada*, brought several French *Prisoners* with them; That calling at this Fort lately, and has great reason, (it reports) be true, that the *French* ~~were~~ to be with the *Spaniards* *Wife*. He has got all the *Hagamans*, and all Complements with them and partake of their ill Booties. That a French Captive after this, escaping from the *D. of Lorraine*, and are now against the *Indians*, and hereinpon the French or their *Indians* made a sudden rally forth upon them, and utterly defeated them, tho' they were in reality of their own party still.

Two English Captives escaped from the hands of the *Indians* and French at *Port Royal*, ~~on~~ *Aug 22*, came into *Portsmouth* on the *11th* instant & say, That when Capt. *Marson* with fortituded *French* Fort; but finding *Wm* at *Port Royal*, he cut the faces, and ript the Indians there, they March'd to *Annapolis* the *12th* instant. And there, in the sight of the *French*, who were in the *Indians* of it, they have *burnt* *Engl'sh* *Campuses*, mostly belonging to *Col. Winslow*. Who advised, that the *French* had been *killed* *about* *ten* *days* *down* to a River to *meet* with the *Indians*, and the *French* *Indians* where they expected to have *fallen* upon

200 Shipping with him of one sort or other, above one hundred Sail daily run between *France* and *England*, with meat for Man and Beast. His Master being unwilling to trust his *Indians* for it. That a body of *Indians* lately returning from the *Spoil of Canada*, brought several French *Prisoners* with them; That calling at this Fort lately, and has great reason, (it reports) be true, that the *French* ~~were~~ to be with the *Spaniards* *Wife*. He has got all the *Hagamans*, and all Complements with them and partake of their ill Booties. That a French Captive after this, escaping from the *D. of Lorraine*, and are now against the *Indians*, and hereinpon the French or their *Indians* made a sudden rally forth upon them, and utterly defeated them, tho' they were in reality of their own party still.

From *Gloucester Sept 22*. We have an Account, that on *Friday* the *11th* instant, in the night, our Forces Landing privately, fortifyed *Port Royal* Fort; but finding *Wm* at *Port Royal*, he cut the faces, and ript the Indians there, they March'd to *Annapolis* the *12th* instant. And there, in the sight of the *French*, who were in the *Indians* of it, they have *burnt* *Engl'sh* *Campuses*, mostly belonging to *Col. Winslow*. Who advised, that the *French* had been *killed* *about* *ten* *days* *down* to a River to *meet* with the *Indians*, and the *French* *Indians* where they expected to have *fallen* upon

the advised by an Indian that ran away from a place where some Canoës were making. At midnight *Keenock Indian* Warr. was sent to look further after the Indians, who never yet returned. Which gives hope that they may come short home, but upon this the Indians are sent to *Probus*, and the Indians on their Defence.

*Portsmouth* 20. Jy. 10. Two days since arrived here a small Vessel from *Broadway*, in which is a Letter to Captain H. A. of *Probus*, that speaks thus.

*Christopher* is wholly taken from the *French* upon this Island called *Sainte* ; we are arriving there to night, the next morning as also a small Island called *Sainte* ; we are arriving there to night, the next morning very strong in Shipping, and our Ships of War are now gone for *Probus*, a very good place to shelter from any Storms, after the *Probus*, our Auxiliary Indians lodging on suspicious months are over, they will Attack the rest of the French places. We have News here that *K. William* is safe arrived in *Probus*, and is marched with one hundred and forty *Assassins* and *Horse*, *Himself* and the *Body*, *Divine* *Scandals* the right Wing, and the *Earl of Oxford* the left Wing. *Duke* took several. In the Surprise, we lost 9 men, *Assassins* of *Probus* and *Leek* all forlorn Hope, and had about 20 wounded ; the blow directly fell on our dear *Friends*, the *Probus* *Friends*, 15 being killed and wounded of Captain *Johnstone* Company.

On Thursday, they landed at *Sac* ; a Scout of them, and of taking *more* *Cannons*, and an English captive named, *Thomas Baker*, who informed, that the Enemy had left a considerable Plunder at *Probus*-Plains, which he spoiled the Enemy was gone to secure. Whereupon the Army immediately embarked, and found the *Probus*-Plunder accordingly. While our Vessels were at Anchor in *Probus*, our Auxiliary Indians lodging on *Hope*, and being too fatigued in their Watch, the Enemy made an Attack upon them. The *Earl of Oxford* fought with spirit to their Relief, but were shortly gallled, by an Ambuscade of Indians. The Enemy soon quitted the Field, escaping with their *Cannons*, whereof ours took several. In the Surprise, we lost 9 men, and had about 20 wounded ; the blow directly fell on our dear *Friends*, the *Probus* *Friends*, 15 being killed and wounded of Captain *Johnstone* Company.



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New-York. June 11th. His Excellency the Lord Cornbury arrived here on Saturday Morning from his Government of New-Jersey. Our Assembly has been Adjourned to this day, not being a Quorum on Saturday last to choose a Speaker. Entered Outwards, Kersteed for Boston, Freebody for Bermuda, Basden for Antigua, and Cawley for Curacoa.

New-Port, Rhode-Island, June the 15th. Yesterday arrived here one *Smith* from Suranam five Weeks Passage: There is also come in here *William Mash* in a Sloop from Boston, who brought in with him a *Parmaceti Whale*, about 30 Foot long.

Maldon; June, 12th. The Reverend Mr. *Michael Wigglesworth*, Fellow of *Harvard* College, and Pastor of the Church in this Place, Administred the Lord's Supper, *May 27*. Fell Sick of a Fever upon the *Friday* following, of which he died the *10th*. Instant, at Nine in the Morning, *Aetatis 74*. and was interr'd this day: Being much Lamented as a Learned and Pious Divine, and Skilful Physician, Vigorous & Useful to the last. He was Author of the Poem Entituled, *THE DAY OF DOOM*.<sup>102</sup>

Boston, Last Week 4 of our English Prisoners at Mont-Real, viz. Joseph Pettis, John Nimes, Thomas Baker & Martin Kelluck all of West-Hampshire, made their Escape from thence, and came in to Northampton, being 26 days on their March, who were so put to it for Provisions by the way, that they were forced to eat Rattle Snakes.<sup>103</sup>

Thomas Odell mentioned in our Last, was brought to Boston in a Sloop from Rhode-Island on Wednesday last, and is committed to close Prison in order to be Tryed for his Counterfeiting of our Province Bills of Credit, &c.<sup>104</sup>

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Wells* and *Lathrop* from *Connecticut*, *Ware* and *Lyford* from *Piscataqua*, *D'Groof*, *Adolph* & *Wiggins* from *New-York*, & *Ireland* from *New-port Rhode-Island*. Outwards, *John Lawrence* for *Connecticut*. Foreign Inwards, *John Holland* from *Fyall*, *Nath. Clark* from *Virginia*, *Rich. Friend* from *Newfoundland*, *Fortune Redduck* from *St. Christophers*, & *Sam Ward* from *Barbadoes*. Foreign Clear'd Outwards, *Solomon Gardner* for *Nevis*, *John Dimon* for *Jamaica*, *William Jeffries* for *North-Carolina*. Outward Bound, *John Fidling* for *South Carolina*, *Jer. Cushing* for *Maryland*, *Joshua Pickman* for *Virginia*, *Ephraim Breed* for *Jamaica*,

102 Minister of Malden from 1656. See Reverend Michael Wigglesworth, His Memoir, Autobiography, Letters and Library, in New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. XVII, pp. 129-146.

103 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The *Acts Resolves* of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. . . . See News-Letter Nos. 50, 56, 60 *ante*, 64 *post*.

104 See News-Letter Nos. 15, 17 (1704), 57, 59, 60 *ante*, 82

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*John Holland for Antigua, Rich. Friend for Newfoundland, & Tho. Hunt for North-Carolina.*

**Advertisements.**

**A**T the Desire of several Gentlemen, Merchants and others who are willing to Contribute towards supporting this Publick Print of Intelligence, the Undertaker has begun where it was left off, in hopes of others following their good Example, whereby it may be carryed on at least another year: And therefore all Persons in Town & Country, who have a mind to encourage the same, may have said News-Letter every week by the year upon reasonable Terms agreeing with John Campbell Postmaster of Boston for the same.

[Reprinted: tobacco pipes for sale by Bromfield and Burroughs, as in June 11.]

**R. E.**

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** June 18. to **Monday** June 25. 1705.

**NY.**

[**O**NLY one column of foreign news appears in this issue and that is of the January preceding from Hamburg, Venice, Hague and elsewhere. The principal features of the domestic news are, the speech of Governor Cornbury to the General Assembly of New York; reports of earthquake shocks in Boston and neighboring towns and the account of a privateer in New York harbor.]

*Philadelphia, June 14.* A Briganteen from *Hundoras*, one *Griffin* Master, is arrived at *New-Castle*, she carries 8 Guns and Patteraro's, 12 men, coming thro' the Gulph off of *Cuba*, they were Chased by a Ship, with whom they exchanged several great and small Shot, taking each other for Enemies; The Ship prov'd to be Capt. *Penniston*, his Sloop was in Company, one of the Briganteen's men had his Hand Shot off, who is put on Board Capt. *Pennistone* to be cured.

Three persons were drowned last week by the oversetting of a Boat going down the River from *Philadelphia*, one of them a Negro Boy.

*New-York, June 18.* On *Thursday* last a Ship arrived here from *Fyall*, and a Sloop from *North-Carolina*, they were Chased in by a French Privateer, as was Captain *Coward*, who was bound for *England*, *Via Virginia*.

On the 16th. Capt. *Outerbridge* and some of his men came to Town

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and relate, that on the 3d. Instant he Sailed out of *Sandyhook*, bound for *Jamaica* loaded with Provisions, and was taken by a Privateer from *Martinico* about 150 Leagues off, and that his Sloop (with Mrs. *Antill* and her children who were Passengers on Board) is sent to *Martinico*.

That on the 14th Instant the same Privateer came to *Sandyhook*, and in the night sent up her Boat to the Narrows with design to take Capt. *Potter* who was then Loaden at the Watering place bound for *Nevis*, but the Boat could not find him; about 10 days before, they took a small Sloop belonging to one *Godfrey* of this Town, loaded with Pitch and Tarr which they burnt, one *Reynolds* was Master of her, and 'tis said sides with the *French*, and is a Pilot to them on this Coast, and has informed them of our Vessels expected and Outward bound. The Privateers perceiving they were discovered, Capt *Outerbridge* and his men and *Godfrey* perswaded them to land them at *Sandyhook*, which they did, and afterwards stood along shore to the Southward. Yesterday News was brought that they had Landed in *East-New-Jersey* a little beyond *Neversincks*, and had burnt 2 Country Houses. On Sunday the 10th Instant, the Cetey Privateer, Capt. *Bond* for *England*, *Via Virginia*, and 2 Sloops sailed out of *Sandyhook*, and happily mist this Privateer. A Ship, a Briganteen and 2 Sloops are fitted out here, and will Sail this day under the Command of Col. *Peartree* in pursuit of her. This Privateer is a Ship of 10 Guns, 150 Tons or thereabouts, 120 men, one *Clapo* Captain, who has a Brother lives at *Boston* or thereabouts, some say that is a Nick-Name, some that he is a *French*-man, & others, an *Irish*-man. They tell us a new Briganteen from *New-York* was carried in to *Martinico* a few days before this Privateer Sailed, which we fear is Capt. *Perkins* in a fine Briganteen the 1<sup>st</sup> Voyage, & bound for *Barbadoes*.

His Excellency has laid an Embargo in this Province. Here are 5 Sachems of the *French* Indians come to Town as I am told, to treat with his Excellency our Governour, about liberty to Settle among our Indians the 5 Nations, and that they will leave the *French*; some of them were at *Deerfield* when the mischief was done there. Our Assembly have Voted the Raising 1607 *l.* for the Defence of the Fronteers.

Our Assembly is now Sitting, and *William Nicoll Esq.* is chosen Speaker, who was approv'd of by his Excellency.

His Excelency *EDWARD Viscount Cornbury*, Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief in and over Her MAJESTY's Colony of *New-York*, and Territories depending thereon, &c. His

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Speech<sup>105</sup> to the Honourable the COUNCIL and Representatives in General Assembly now Sitting in the City of *New-York*, upon *Thursday the 14th of June, 1705.*

Gentlemen,

*I am sorry the QUEEN's service in the Neighbouring Province, and the ill Weather we have lately had, have hindered me from meeting this Assembly so soon as I at first intended; however, I hope you will still have time enough to dispatch such things as may be necessary to be provided for at this time. Those which I shall more particularly Recommend to the care of you Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, are these,*

*First, That a Sum may be provided sufficient to pay One Hundred Fuzileers, and Fifty Out-scouts, with their proper Officers, to be sent to Albany and places adjacent, for the Defence of the Fronteers for one year, and likewise that Provision may be made for their going up to & returning from Albany, and likewise for Bedding for them while they are there: This is of absolute Necessity at this time, because I have received an account of a Design of the Waghana Indians, with several other Nations in amity with the French, to Attack our Five Nations, who if they see that we are either not willing or not able to support and defend them against their Enemies, will the more easily be persuaded to go over to the French; the ill Consequences whereof are so well known, that I need not mention them to you, nor will I now trouble you with any particulars of this News, because I had it from those Gentlemen who are chosen to serve in this Assembly for the County of Albany, and who are well able to inform you of the Truth of that matter.*

*The Next thing I recommend to your Care, is the providing such a Sum as may be sufficient to pay and defray the Charges of the Detachment sent up to Albany for the Defence of the Fronteers last fall, an Account whereof shall be laid before you.*

*I must take notice to you, That the Bill for settling the Militia, which was passed in the year 1702. is expired by its own Limitation; I think 'tis very necessary that Act should be Revived.*

*The Difficulties which some very worthy Ministers of the Church of England have met with in the getting the Maintenance settled upon them by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, passed in the Year 1693, moves me to propose to you the passing an Act explanatory of the afore-mentioned Act, that those worthy good Men who have*

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105 In Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York. The Gaine Edition, Vol. I, p. 196. The News-Letter print differs slightly with the Journal. The speeches of Cornbury to the New York Assembly, which are printed from time to time in the News-Letter, clearly reflect the condition of public affairs in that colony. The governor constantly stirred the popular assemblies to acrimonious contention regarding legislative rights and royal prerogatives.

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*ventured to come so far for the Service of GOD in his Church, and the good and edification of the People, to the Salvation of their Souls, may not for the future be vexed, as some of them have been, but may enjoy in quiet that Maintenance which was by a Law provided for them. I farther Recommend to you the passing an Act to provide for the Maintenance of some Ministers in some of the Towns at the East end of Long-Island, where I don't find any Provision has been yet made for propagating Religion.*

*The next thing which I think does very highly deserve your serious Thoughts, is, the laying a Duty upon all European Goods imported into this Colony from any of the Neighbouring Provinces, whereas now those Goods pay no greater Duties than those which come directly from England. I did recommend this matter to the last Assembly, and I am afraid the not doing of it at that time has been a considerable Prejudice to the Trade of this Province, and I am persuaded, that unless effectual care be now taken in that matter, the Trade of this place will not only become precarious, but our Navigation will be entirely ruined. I am of Opinion it would be very proper to lay a Duty upon all Rum and other Spirits imported from any place whatsoever, except England and Her Majesties Islands in the West-Indies; I therefore earnestly recommend to your care the preparing such a Bill as may effectually answer the ends proposed.*

*I further recommend to your Considerations, whether the passing an Act to discourage the Exportation of Corn, and to encourage the Exportation of Flower from this Province, would not be a good advantage to Trade.*

*I observe, that during the late War, at a time when much greater Sums were given for the Defence of the Fronteers, than have ever been demanded since the beginning of this, the Assemblies in those times thought fit to grant several Sums of Money towards the discharging the Debts of the Province; whether it is not as reasonable to take the same Methods now to discharge the Debts which were contracted before my coming to this Government, I leave to your Considerations; only I think it a Duty incumbent on me to put you in mind of it, that the People to whom those Debts are due, may not think themselves neglected.*

*I am of Opinion it will be necessary to pass an Act to prevent the Clipping and Defacing the Foreign Coyn which has currency in this Province. And another for the more effectual suppressing of scandalous Houses and Bawdy-Houses, & to prevent scandalous Women from coming from the Neighbouring Provinces to live in this. And another to punish Negro, Indian and Mallatto Slaves, and to prevent them from running away from their Masters.*

*These, Gentlemen, are the things I thought fit to propose to your Considerations at this time. I must now acquaint you, that Her most*

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*Sacred Majesty, the QUEEN, has been pleased to order, That for the future no Governour, Lieut. Governour or Commander in Chief of this Province shall receive any Gift or Present from the Country: which Order you will find entered in your Journals. All the Returns the Queen expects for easing you from the burthen of those Presents, is, That you contribute more freely to the Defence of the Country.*

*I have nothing more to offer to you at this time, only Unanimity in your Consultations, and Dispatch in the Matters before you.*

*If anything occurs to you, which you think may be for the Service of the QUEEN, and the good of the Country, you shall always find me ready not only to hear it, but to joyn heartily with you to promote anything that is Reasonable.*

✓ Lancaster, June 18th, On Thursday last, Mr. John Willard senior being hooing in his Field of Corn about a mile from the Garison, he espied an Indian between him and the Garison about 7 rod off him, and not knowing but there might be more, he ran another way to the Garison, and got safe into it and mist the Indian. 'Tis also said there was some seen at Groton and Marlborough.

✓ Boston, On Saturday the 16th Currant, about 10 a Clock in the Forenoon, There was felt a small shake of an Earthquake in several places of this Town: but being so late at night ere we had the report of it, that we had not time to inquire into the certainty of it; made us not Insert it in our Last. 'Twas also felt at Cambridge, Maldon, Braintry, Weymouth, Milton, Dedham, Dorchester, Roxbury, Charlstown and other Towns; People at first apprehended it to be Thunder; but viewing the Air to be so clear, and no clouds to be seen, concluded it to be an Earthquake: several Platters and Dishes were tumbled off the Shelves by it, Pots and Kettles made a ratling noise with it, Stones were seen to move in the Walls, &c.

On Monday the 18th Instant, Dyed Mr. Thaddeus Maccarty of this Town, Merchant, and was Interred on Thursday the 21st Currant.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Gillam* and *Parker* from *Pensilvania*; *Curtice*, *Pope*, *Loring*, *Allen*, *Prentice*, *Smith*, *Blinn*, *Hilliard* and *Dean* from *Connecticut*; *Bracket*, *Webber*, *Jackson* and *Flood* from *Piscataqua*. Outward, *Jer. Vaile* for *Connecticut* Foreign Inwards, *Tho. Skuse* from *Nevis*, *Rich. Hall*, *Robert Hartly* and *William Twing* from *Fyal*; *John Henderson* from *Montserat*, and *Nath. Eliot* from *Bonire*. Cleared Outwards, *William Jeffries*, *Moses Abbot* and *Tho. Hunt* for *North-Carolina*, *John Fidling* for *South-Carolina*; *Eleazar Darby* for *Jersey*; *Nich. Lawrence* for *Barbadoes*, *Nath. Jarvies*, & *William Webber* for *Nevis*, *Joshua Pickman* for *Virginia*, & *Fortune Redduck* for *St. Christophers*. Outward Bound, *Samuel More* for *Antigua*, *William Beams* for *Fyal*, *Stephen Payne* for

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*Madera, Jeoffery Bedgood for South-Carolina, & Wil. Everton for Lisbon.*

**Advertisements.**

ALL Persons in Town and Country, in this and the Neighbouring Provinces, when any remarkable Providences worthy the Recording do occur, are hereby desired to send the same unto James Campbell Post-master of Boston, with the Circumstances thereof, whereby it may be made more evident for publick Good: which shall be Inserted accordingly in the Weekly Intelligence.

[Reprinted: tobacco pipes for sale by Messrs Bromfield and Burroughs, as in June 11; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

R. E.

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[A LITTLE less than half of the two pages which make this issue is filled with foreign news. This is mainly from Vienna, Cologne and Berlin, concerning European war movements and plans.]

Madera, May 8. Capt. Coffin arrived here 3 days ago from Boston and he is bound hence for Nevis.

Philadelphia, June 22. By a Sloop from *Virginia* that arrived on Sunday last, who came out of the Capes the *Wednesday* before, we are informed they saw 4 or 5 large Ships standing in for *Virginia*, 2 of them seem'd to be as large as third Rates; 'tis thought they came from *Lisbon*.

Yesterday Capt. *Taylor* arrived in a Sloop in 22 day from *Antigua*, who about 3 weeks since went a Flagg of Truce for *Martinico*, carried with him 64 *French* Prisoners, and brought back 75 *English*, besides some concealed which broke Goal; amongst those he carried was Capt. *Clapo*, who was last year on the Coast of *New-York*; who in some short time before was taken in a Privateer Sloop by an *English* Man of War; As soon as *Clapo*, alias *Crepo* arrived at *Martinico*, he was put on Board the Ship he now is in to Cruise on this Coast: Capt. *Taylor* says, that a Briganteen and a Sloop was Sailed out of *Martinico* some time before *Crepo*, that designed to Cruise on the

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Coast of *New-England*; He says there are 17 Privateers out of *Martinico*, besides several others fitting out.

On Sunday last dyed at *New-Castle*, Mr. *William Clarke* one of our Council and Speaker of the Assembly for the Three Lower Counties.

*Mr. Codman* fell down the River this day in order to take in his Loading of Wheat there for *Boston*.

*New-York, June 25.* On *Thursday* morning last Sailed out of *Sandy-hook*, the Ship, Briganteen, & 2 Sloops which are in pursuit of the *French* Privateer, they have 350 able men on board the 4 Vessels. We have Advice that the Privateer stood off to Sea on *Monday* last, since which time we have not heard of him. The Embargo I suppose will be continued here till the return of our Vessels.

*New-London, June 28.* Last *Fryday* about Sun-set there was felt in this Town a small shake of an Earthquake, which was also felt at *Saybrook*, it was accompanied with a noise like Thunder, but no Clouds in the Sky.

*Newport Rhode, Island, June 29* On *Wednesday* last Capt. *Halsey's* Prize was Condemned here at the Court of Admiralty.<sup>106</sup> There is a Vessel just arrived from *Barbadoes*, who came out in Company with several for *Boston*.

*Boston, On Tuesday the 26th Instant, William Wilde, one of the Privateers of Quelch' Crew who was condemn'd to dye for Piracy, and reprieved till Her Majesty's Pleasure concerning him and his fellows was known, who made his escape out of Prison here the 7th day of September last, was this morning apprehended and committed to close Prison.*<sup>107</sup>

On *Saturday* the 30th of *June*, His Excellency Prorogu'd the General Assembly unto *Wednesday* the 5th of *September* next.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Harris* from *New-London*, *Newman* from *Piscataqua*, *Coffin* & *Lathrop* from *Nantucket*. Outwards, *Gillam*, *Hall*, *Smith* & *Allen* for *Connecticut* Foreign Inwards, *John Wright* from *Newfoundland*, *Wil. Herbert* from *Madera*, & *Noah Chamne* from *Virginia*. Cleared Outwards, *John Holland*, *Jonaihan Stevens*, *John Waters*, *Joseph Holton*, *Phillip Lewis*, *John Hoddy* & *Samuel Moore* for *Antigua*, *Rich. Friend* for *Newfoundland*, *Wil. Beams* for *Fyall*, *Stephen Payne* for *Madera*, & *Jer. Cushing* for *Virginia*. Outward bound, *John Porter* & *Tho. Miller* for *Antigua*, *John Chamberlin* for *Fyall*, *Dirick Adolph*, and *Adolph D'Groof* for

106 See News-Letter Nos. 49, 53, 59, 60 *ante*.

107 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 395. See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704) *ante*, 66 *post*. See foot-note News-Letter No. 14 *ante*.

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*New-York, and Nicholas Thomas Jones for North Carolina.*

**Advertisements.**

[Reprinted: advertisement of the Reverend John Brown's book, "Life of Justification," as in August 14, 1704; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

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From **Monday** July 2. to **Monday** July 9. 1705.

**NY**

[THE two folio pages of this issue are about equally divided between reports of foreign and domestic affairs. From Brescia, Dresden, Paris, Hague, Venice and Vienna, under January dates, is a variety of war news. Among the domestic items is a list of acts passed by the General Court of Massachusetts.]

*Philadelphia, June 28.* On the 25 arrived here a Sloop from *Barmudas*, one *Burrows* Master, who came from *Barmudas* loaden for this place last Fall: he Wintered at *Barmudas*, from whence he set twice out this Spring in order to come hither, but both times he met with violent Storms, in which he lost Masts, Sailes, and two men, a white and a Negro over-board, and was forced to return again; with the third time Setting out he got safe here.

*New-York July 2d.* On the 29 *June* arrived here a Sloop from *Jamaica*, one *Seward* Master, who Sailed from *Porto-Morant* the 5th. of said Month, by whom we have Advice, That Admiral *Whetstone* was arrived there the 17th of *May* with 6 Men of War, and 13 Merchant Ships bound thither, and that he was either gone or going with 10 Men of War upon the Coast of *New-Spain*, to recall all Privateers from making War upon the *Spaniards*, and to Settle a Trade with them: And 'tis believed he has orders Relating to the *Spaniards* of great Importance, though not yet made Publick. The Island of *Jamaica* has had of late a Considerable Trade with the *Spaniards*, especially for Slaves and Dry Goods. They Write two Trading Sloops were returned to *Port Royal* from the Spanish Coast, The one with 80 Thousand, and the other with 60 Thousand pieces of Eight; And that 4 Men of War more were dayly expected there from *England*.

The same day our Private Man of War came in to *Sandyhook* with the 2 Sloops that went in pursuit of the *French* Privateer; they have

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been along shore to the Capes of *Delaware*, but could not hear of him; two of them (the Ship and a Sloop which Sail very well) I'm told are ordered to Cruise towards *Block-Island*.

There was no *Boston* Vessel at *Jamaica* that *Seward* knows of. *Keersteed* and *Teller* bound for *Boston* as soon as the Embargo is taken off, and *Coward* for *England*, via *Virginia*, & several vessels for other parts.

*Wells*, July 3. A Whale Boat from *Sacho* gives account that this morning before Sun rise, they discovered several great Smoaks, a small distance from the Fort, which is concluded to be a Body of the Enemy.

*Marblehead*, July 8. Last night came in a Shallop of our Town, who informs, that on the 3d Instant, they espied a Wreck on part of *Montenicus* Rocks, they went on Board her, and judge her to be about 200 Tons, a new Ship, white bottom, no Mast standing, part of her Keel gone, her Rudder about 2 foot left, she had 8 Ports on a side, a Lion quarter pieces, and all carved work yellow; they took out of her a Cable about 12 Inches, Oyl, Turpentin, Whale-bone, and several other things, they found on Board a flowered sattin pair of <sup>T</sup>Stays, a silver Porringer marked N M;<sup>108</sup> when they left the Ship she righted, and they believe then her bottom came out; they found no person on board her.

✓ *Boston*, Sundry Acts passed the 30th of *June*, by the Great and General Court or Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* in *New-England*. Begun and Held at *Boston*, upon *Wednesday* 30th of *May* 1705.

*An Act for the ease of Prisoners for Debt.*

*An Act, for apportioning and assessing of two several Taxes on Polls and Estate pursuant to the Grants made to Her Majesty by the General Assembly, in the Year 1704. for 22422.1.*

*An Act for the further and longer continuing in force several Acts therein mentioned that are near expiring.*

On Monday July 2. Dyed here Lieut. Colonel Thomas Savage, aged 65 years and 2 months, who was Interred on Thursday the 5th Instant, being attended with the Regiment in Arms.<sup>109</sup>

On *Tuesday* the 3d. Arrived here Capt. *Taylor* from *Bristol*, who was taken by the *French*, and re-taken by the *Dutch*, he came from *Rotterdam* about the 10th of *April* last.

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108 For Judge *Sewall*'s note on this see the Historical Sketch of the News-Letter, page 59 of this volume.

109 Lieutenant-colonel of the Boston Regiment from 1702 till his death. See Judge *Sewall*'s Diary under date July 5 (1705).

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On *Thursday* the 5th, Arrived Cap. *William Alden* from *Barbadoes*, who came out thence with the Fleet bound for *London* the 10th of *June* last, with several other vessels bound hither, and 2 for *New York*, *D'hart* in a Ship, and another in a Brigantien. Cap. *Alden* was Chased 2 or 3 days in the Latitude of *Bermuda* by a pritty big Ship, but he out Sayl'd her, and supposes her to be the same Privateer that is upon the Coast of *New-York*.

Capt. *Hunkins* with the other Vessels that Sailed with him in Company from *Boston* were safely arrived at *Barbadoes*.

On *Fryday* the 6th. Sailed Capt. *Courtemanch*, who came hither to His Excellency from the Governour of *Canada*, in order to Concert Measures for the Exchange of Prisoners, between whom there is a good understanding.<sup>110</sup>

The Wreck mentioned in the Paragraph of *Marblehead* is supposed to be the same that is mentioned in our *Numb.* 53. to be then seen by Capt. *Welsh* on *St-George's Bank* the 16th of *April* last; and is concluded to be Capt. *John Balston's* Ship, one of the Fleet that Sailed from *Portsmouth New-Hampshire*, Ap[r]il 6th, mentioned in our *Numb.* 51.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Bracket*, *Flood*, *Allen* and *Wair* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Adolph* and *De Groof* for *New York*, *Hartly* and *Blinn* for *Connecticut*, *Nicholas Thomas Jones* for *North-Carolina*. Foreign Inwards, *Joseph Everton*, and *William Alden* from *Barbadoes*, *Thomas Taylor* from *Bristol*, and *William Cook* from *Montserrat*. Cleared Outwards, *John Mason* for *Curacao*, *John Porter* for *Antigua*, and *William Thomas* for *Jamaica*. Outward Bound, *James Grant* for *Whitehaven* in *England*, *Newcomb Blague* for *Fyall*, *Bartholomew Green* for *Jamaica*, *Ebenezar Hathorne* for *Newfoundland*, *Samuel Ward*, *Ebenezar Breed* and *Joseph Everton* for *Barbadoes*.

**Advertisements.**

There is this day Printed and to be Sold at the Post-Office, half a Sheet, containing several solid Arguments offered to the Inhabitants of *New-England*, and the other Neighbouring Provinces. in the Northern Parts of *America*, to Encourage the Sowing of *Hemp*; demonstrating the same to be of far greater advantage to the Husbandman, than the Sowing or Planting of any other Grain; with Rules and Directions for sowing, watering and dressing it; several Objections answered, with some proposals for others to promote the same; especially, That all Persons every where, who have any *Hemp* growing in this & the Neighbouring Provinces, would use

110 Reprinted from the *News-Letter* in Notes, in *The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay*: . . . , Vol. VIII. p. 512. See *News-Letter* Nos. 50, 56, 60, 61 *ante*.

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their particular and utmost care to save what Seed they can for the publick benefit: let none imagine that by furnishing others with Seed, it will lessen their own profit, for there cannot be too much Sown to glut the Market.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

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From Monday July 9. to Monday July 16. 1705.

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[NEARLY three of the four columns of this issue are given to foreign news from Hague, Vienna, Milan and elsewhere, and to a report of the meeting of the Irish Parliament in Dublin.]

Belfast, Jan. 29. *This day came in here a Ship belonging to the Port, which was taken on the 26th of the last Month, by the Lorraine, a French Privateer, The Enemy put on board her 6 French-men, a Dane, and one John Bevin, who was Master of the Kent Pink of Bristol, taken some time before, and carried into Martinico, leaving with them only 3 Men and a Boy belonging to the Ship. On the 13th instant, about 150 Leagues off of Cape Clear, the said John Bevin, by the help of these 3 Men and a Boy, and the Dane, rescued the Ship from the French, and brought her safe in here.*

Falmouth, Feb. 10. On the 6th Instant arrived here the Six Islands Pacquet-Boat from Jamaica, Nathaniel Vring Commander, which came from hence in 8 weeks. The Master gives an Account, That Her Majesty's Ship the *Mermaid* had brought into *Jamaica* a French Prize of about 30 Guns, bound to *New-Spain*, and valued at between 30 and 40 Thousand Pounds Sterling.

Plimouth. Feb. 11. The 8th Instant came in here the Robert Privateer of Middlebourg, with a Prize called the *Francis of Nants*, from *Martinico*, laden with Sugar, Cocoa and Cotton.

St. Johns Newfoundland, June 8. Last week arrived 2 Ships from *England* into *Conception-Bay*; They say, That 3 Men of War from *England* with Recruits for the Garrison were bound hither with a Fleet of Merchant-men. That the Indians have accepted of Bills for the Redemption of the People of *Bonavist*.

Philadelphia, July 5. This morning came here several persons that were taken in 3 Briganteens off the Capes of *Virginia* by Capt. *Crapo*; the first of which was Capt. *Violet* from *Jamaica* bound to

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*Virginia*, whose Vessel they sunk, he was taken 21 *June*; next was Capt. *Pitts* from *England* and the *Madera*'s loaden with Wine, bound for *Maryland*, whose Vessel with the Commander they sent to *Martinico*, after which they took *Robert Starky* from *Boston* bound to *Virginia*, whose Briganteen they gave the Prisoners on *Monday* 25th *June*, who parted with them between the Capes of *Virginia* and our Capes, ordering them to come into this River, forbidding them to go to *Virginia*, else if they did and met them, they should find no Quarter. They say they wait for a Guinea Ship bound for *Virginia* with Negro's, before they go off the coast. *Starky's* Briganteen is under a seizure at *New-Castle*.

On the 3d Instant, one *Carman* in a small Sloop coming round the Capes of *Virginia*, was taken by some of *Crapo*'s men in a *Perriagar* which Sloop and *Pitts* from *Madera* was taken in sight of the *Strumbulo* Man of War, who fired several Shot at the Privateer, but to no purpose, they could not come up with him; The Sloop lost Company of the Ship 4 or 5 days, and despaired of meeting them, but met the Ship again; The 26th of *June* they gave them their Sloop again.

*Burlington*, July 6. There are two Men of War come to *Virginia*, to Convoy home the Fleet for *England*, and the *Strumbulo* Man of War is ordered now to stay and go with them.

New-York, July 9th. On the 5th. Instant Capt. *Dehart* arrived here from Barbadoes; and yesterday Capt. *Basset* from St. Thomas in 16 days, who says, they heard there by a French Privateer that a Briganteen from New York with Horses upon her Deck, was taken and carryed into *Martinico*, which we suppose to be Capt. *Leach*, who was bound for *Nevis*: (*Perkins* whom we feared was taken being arrived in Barbadoes:) And also that two Privateers who designed for this Coast (a Sloop and a Briganteen) were come out of *Martinico* but they wanted men and were gone to *Porto Rico* to supply themselves. We have heard nothing of *Coll. Peartree* since he went last out in pursuit of the French Privateer: we suppose he is gone towards *Slock-Island*; he has 140 men on board the Ship, and 80 in the Sloop; they both Sail well.

Rhode Island, July 13 Tho. *Barnes* is arrived here from Barbadoes.

*Boston*, On Monday the 9th Currant about Noon, there was a smart Clap of Thunder and Lightning with Rain, which split the fast and Pump of a Sloop near *Charlstown* Ferry, belonging to one *John Turner*.

On Wednesday arrived *William Skinner* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes*, who on *Monday* last about noon met with a Thunder Clap & Lightning at Sea that shivered his Mast, struck down the men on Board,

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whom it stunn'd for some small time, started the Hoops of the Casks in the Hould.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Smith, Walter, Carter and Dutch* from *Connecticut*, and *Schellinx* from *Long-Island*. Outwards, *Wair* for *Piscataqua*, and *Harris* for *New-London*. Foreign Inwards, *John Foster, Thomas Landel, and William Skinner* from *Barbadoes*. Cleared Outwards, *Andrew Wilson, and Nathaniel Perkins* for *Barbadoes*, *Ebenezar Hathorne* for *Newfoundland*, and *Thomas Woodbridge* for *Madera*. Outward Bound, *Samuel Cary* for *Tercera*, *Thomas Taylor, and Thomas Skuse* for *Nevis*, *John Butler* for *Lisbon*, *Henry Tew, and William Skinner* for *Barbadoes*, *Thomas Pope* for *Maryland*, *David L'Breton* for *Fyal*, *Samuel Edwards* for *Ruanoke*, *Samuel Clarke*, and *William Cooke* for *Montserat*.

**Advertisements.**

**E**dward Bromfield and Paul Dudley Esqrs. Administrators to the Estate of James Gray late of Boston, Pedlar, Deceased: Do by the direction of the Honourable Isaac Addington Esq. Judge of the Probate of Wills, and Granting Letters of Administration &c. for the County of Suffolk, give notice to all persons whomsoever, who have any of the Estate or Writings of the said James Gray, That they forthwith deliver the same to the said Judge or Administrators, or in case of refusal, they will be prosecuted with the utmost Rigour of the Law.

**T**HERE is now Published The Danger of Speedy Degeneracy. Held forth in a Sermon Preached at Boston-Lecture the 5th Instant. By the Reverend Mr. Solomon Stoddard of North Hampton, from Judges 2. 11. Sold by Benjamin Eliot, at his Shop under the West End of the Town House.

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**[T**HE foreign news in this issue relates almost entirely to military movements on the continent of Europe, and is comprised in letters from Vienna, Lisbon and elsewhere. Included in the domestic news, under the regular Boston heading on the second page, is a column of miscellaneous English news brought in by the man-of-war Deptford and two merchant vessels. The proclamation of Queen Anne assembling Parliament, April 23, is published. The

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domestic news includes report of the proceedings in connection with the pardon of the remaining members of the pirate Quelch's crew and their release from jail.]

*St. Johns Newfoundland, June 27* On the 2d. Instant, we were alarmed here by some *French Spies*, 2 of them were seen within Pistol Shot of the Castle, the Sentinels fired at them between 12 and 1 a Clock at night. On the 13th Instant, two men were carried away from fresh Water about 15 Leagues from hence by 4 or 5 Indians. *Eleazar Moses* in a Briganteen that was bound hither from *Boston*, in whom was Masters, *Arthur Jeffrey*, and *William Keen* are taken, and carried in to *Placentia*; whom we daily expect here; 2 of the Briganteen's men run away, and are come hither, who inform us, That the *French* at *Placentia* are very hard put to it, and cannot fish for want of Salt and Provisions; And that there is about 300 *French* & Indians designing to come and make an attack upon *St. Johns*. There is 2 Men of War and 7 Merchant-men arrived from *England*, by whom we are acquainted, That most of the Outward bound Ships from *France* to *Canada* and *Placentia* were taken near the Channel of *England* by several of our Men of War that were Convoys to our Outward bound Ships this Spring. A person that came from *Plimouth* in one of these Men of War informs, that he heard one of the Mast-Fleet from *New-England* was arrived at *Portsmouth*, but knows not the Commanders name.

On the 18th arrived a Briganteen from *Lisbon*, in 33 days, one *Portlock* Master.

*Philadelphia, July 12.* One *Jones* arrived here this day in 17 days from *Antigua*, who in the Latitude of *Bermuda* saw a Ship lay by for him, but made the best of his way, not caring to trust him: he says no Privateers have been seen or heard of late at those Islands, and concludes they are call'd in upon some other design.

*New York, July 16.* Our Private Man of War is returned from *Block Island* without seeing the Privateer.

Last night by a Sloop from *Virginia* in 6 days, we are acquainted, That the *Strumbulo* Man of War had chased the Privateer on that Coast; but could not come up with her, but 3 days afterwards he came up with her again and fired a great many shot into her; upon which *Crapo* the Privateer threw Overboard his *Priaugar*, several Casks, & great Guns, and on a sudden it grew calm, which gave him the opportunity of using his Oars, by means whereof he escaped.

The *Strumbulo* sent her Pinnace mann'd, under the Quarter of the Privateer, who fired not a Gun at them, but they durst not venture to board her.

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Capt. *Coward* from hence bound to *England*, was arrived in *Virginia*. The *Oxford* and *Hastings* Frigots, with a Brigantene were arrived there from *Guinea*. And they expect two more from *England*.

*Ipswich*, July 20 On Sabbath the 8th Currant, *Lydia Potter*, Wife of *Samuel Potter*, was found dead, having cut her own throat; who about a week before had done the like, but was found alive and stitched up again; she was a Woman who was several years Distracted.

*Beverly*, July 20. On the 17th arrived *Jonathan Wheeler* in 18 days in a Sloop from *Antigua*, who came out of *Param* the same day that 8 Sail came from *St Johns* under Convoy of the *Linn* Man of War, Capt. *Martin* Commander, whom he joined in the night and spoke with Cap. *Pitts* who carried the light, who told him to fall a Stern; The Man of War not knowing of his Sailing with the Fleet, seeing him to the Leward, supposing him to be an Enemy, bore down upon him, and fired a Gun at him; upon which *Wheeler* lowered his Sails, The Man of War hailed him, and he said from *Antigua*, but he understood him to be from *Martinico*, upon which he fired 10 Shot more, one of which hull'd him, split the Beam in the Cabbin, 4 Muskets, 2 Quadrons, and wounded a Woman in the Skull with some of the Splinters.

*Boston*, On the 18th Currant arrived here the *Deptford* Man of War, a 4th Rate of 50 Guns, Cap. *Charles Stuckley* Commander, who Sailed from *Plymouth* the 19 day of *May* last, in Company with a Fleet of about 120 Sail, under Convoy of 8 Men of War bound for *Virginia*, the *West-Indies*, *New-England*, *New-York*, &c. with whom came out for *Boston* Capt. *Rymes* in a Ship, and Capt. *George Fane* Commander of Her Majesty's Ship the *Lowstoff*, a 5th Rate for *New-York*, with Capt-*Payne* in the *Gray Hound*; the *Deptford* and *Lowstoff* Men of War were separated from the Fleet before they came the length of *Fyall*, where they 2 put in & staid a few days, *Rymes* and *Payne* kept on with the *Virginia* Fleet which the 2 Men of War parted with about 6 Weeks ago; And the *Lowstoff* for *New-York* parted with the *Deptford* about 14 days since. The Advice that we have from *England* is as follows: . . . That Admiral *Bing* with the *Medway*, and 3 other Men of War, has brought into *Scilly* after a furious and obstinate Fight, one *French* Man of War of 48 Guns, a Privateer of 18 Guns, and 4 large *West-India* Ships. . . . That 2 of Her Majesty's Men of War bound for *Newfoundland*, met with a *French* Store Ship of about 26 Guns, bound from *France* to *Canada*, which they took. . . . That Capt. *Row* from *Barbadoes*, belenging to *Boston*, was accidentally burnt in the River of *Thames*, who had on board about 100 Hogsheads of Sugar, & some baggs of Cotton Wool. That Capt. *Gillam* is bound from *London* to *Boston*

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in the same Ship that he went from hence, and another large Ship besides is also bound here, who are supposed to Sail in about 6 weeks after this Fleet that came out. There is also another Man of War designed for this place, and another for *New-York*. There was lately brought in to *England* with a Squadron of Cruisers under Sir *George Byng* a French Man of War of 44 Guns, and 12 Privateers, and 7 of the Enemy's Merchant Ships, most of the latter richly loaden from the *West-Indies*.

On *Thursday* the 19th Instant, His Excellency our Governour Sat in a Court of Admiralty for Tryal of Pirates, &c. and Published Her Majesty's Commission for the said Court directed to himself, the Lieutenant Governour, the Council and several other Gentlemen.

After which the 7 Pirates of *Quelch's* Crew remaining in Goal were set to the Bar, *viz.* *Charles James*, *William Wildes*, *John Dorrothy*, *John Pittman*, *John Carter*, *Dennis Carter* and *Charles King*: His Excellency acquainted them, that whereas 13 months since they were Arraigned and Condemned at that Bar for Piracy, and 6 of the chief of them were Executed, he was now Advised by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, That the Proceedings of the Commissioners in that Matter were very well taken and approved of, by Her Sacred Majesty, and that Her Majesty whose Prerogative alone it is to pardon and shew mercy to such Condemned Criminals as they were, had been graciously pleased upon the Application and Representation of Her Governour to pardon them: And he expected as he had kept his word and promise to them in applying for Her Majesty's mercy to them, they would remember and keep theirs with him, in being honest, sober and good men for the future; That as they had now new Lives given them, they should be new men, and be very faithful and diligent in the Service of Her Majesty; who might as easily and justly have ordered their Execution this day as sent their Pardon.

And then His Excellency Published part of a Letter from the Right Honourable Sir Charles Hedges, Principal Secretary of State, signifying Her Majesty's Pleasure upon the Governours Humble Application to Her Majesty to Pardon the remaining Pirates (of whom 6 were Executed last year) and the before-mentioned 7 were accordingly Discharged, and will be disposed of in Her Majesty's Service by the Governour.<sup>111</sup>

The Act of Parliament in England for the Encouragement of Transporting Naval Stores from the Plantations to England was

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<sup>111</sup> Reprinted from the News-Letter, in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 394-395. See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63 *ante*. See foot-note News-Letter No. 14 *ante*.

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this day read in Council, and will be soon published, which contains great premiums to the Transporter, and is of very great advantage to these Provinces.

Capt. *Grant* Bound for *Whitehaven* in *England*, will Sail in Fourteen Dayes at furthest.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Lothrop, Sturges, Cuiler, Prince, Parker* and *Foster* from *Connecticut*; *Cuiler* and *Thorp* from *Jersey*; *Rhodes* & *Cuiler* from *Rhode-Island*; *Parker, Lyford, Sergant & Flood* from *Piscataqua*. Outward, *Hedge* for *Connecticut*, and *Rhodes* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *Joseph Thorn* from *Nevis*, *Jonathan Wheeler* from *Antigua*, *Abraham Gordin* from *Newfoundland*, & *Robert Mitchel* from *Lisbon*. Foreign Cleared Outwards, *Ebenezar Breed, Alex. Baker, John Carter, Joseph Everton, Will. Harbert, Samuel Ward, Will. Russel, and John Blackleach* for *Barbadoes*; *Bartholomew Green* for *Jamaica*, *Samuel Edwards* for *Roanoke*, and *John Chamberlin* for *Fyall*. Outward Bound, *Zachariah Simms*, and *Benjamin Pickman* for *Newfoundland*.

### Advertisements.

There is now Published, Some Observable Passages in the Life and Death of Mr. Michael Wigglesworth: With a Funeral Sermon Preached for him at Maldon, June 24th. 1705. An Epistle Dedicated to the Church and Congregation at Maldon in New England: To which is annexed his Farewell to the World in Metre, and other Memorials of Piety left behind him among his written Experiences. Sold by Nich. Buttolph, & Benj. Eliot.

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[NEARLY three columns of this issue are filled with foreign war news in letters of various February dates from *Florence*, *Dantzick*, *Cologne*, *Hamburg*, *Venice*, *Vienna*, *Berlin* and other European capitals.]

*Port-Royal* in *Jamaica*, June 19 Admiral *Whetstone* is Cruising on the *Spanish Coast*, with 7 Sail of Men of War, and we daily expect more Men of War with Fire-Ships and a Bomb Ketch to joyn them:

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Our Fleet of Merchantmen will Sail for *London* in a Month. Our Packet Sailed the 16th Instant.

*New York, July 23.* There is a great prodigious Tooth brought here, supposed by the shape of it to be one of the far great Teeth of a man; it weighs four pound & three quarters, the top of it is as sound and white as a Tooth can be, but the Root is much decayed, yet one of the Fangs of it holds half a pint of Liquor; It was lately dug up, a great way under ground in the side of a Bank or Hill 30 or 40 Foot above it, at or near a place call'd *Clavarack*, about 30 miles on this side of *Albany*, and is lookt upon here as a mighty wonder, whither the Tooth be of Man or Beast: They also Dug up several Bones, which as they came to the Air crumbled away: They say one of them which is thought to be a Thigh-bone was 17 Foot long. There is since another Tooth taken up in the same place, which is a Fore-Tooth flat and broad, and is as broad as a mans Four Fingers, which I have not yet seen; but the other I did see, and was brought here by a Gentleman of the Assembly: They dug up several Trees in the same place of great bigness.

On the 19th Instant arrived at *Sandyhook*, Her Majesty's Ship the *Lowstoff*, Capt. *George Fane* Commander, she left *Plymouth* the 19th *May* last, in Company with the *Virginia* and *West-India* Fleets, and the *Deptford* Man of War for *Boston*, whom she parted with 16 days ago. Capt. *Cumby* for this place designed to sail with them, but is not come out. *Edward Nott* Esqr. is gone Lieutenant Gouvernour to *Virginia*, and is on Board the Fleet: And Col. *Park* General for the Leward Islands. The Fleet for *Lisbon* and the *Streights* were ready to Sail, consisting of about 70 Men of War. A Ship and Brigantieen came out with the *Virginia* Fleet for *Philadelphia*. The *Lowstoff* will Cruise some time for our Ships from *England*.

*Piscataqua, July 27.* Last Week a small Ketch came in at our little Harbour, but no Master, Men, Goods, Riggin or Owner. The Collector hath taken her into Custody.

This day the Reverend Mr. *John Clark*, Minister of *Exeter* is to be Interr'd, who Dyed the 25 Instant, in the Flower of his Age, whose Loss is universally lamented, being a person of indefatigable Industry, and Exemplary Piety.

*Boston*, On Wednesday the 25th Currant about noon, we had a smart clap of Thunder & Lightning with Rain, which shivered the Mast of a Sloop near to the South Battery, whereof *Abraham Gordin* is Master, has made the Mast useless, it stunned a Negro Boy in the Hould, and a man near to the Sloop. The same day it shook the Province-Galley and a Sloop, between *Marblehead* and *Boston*.

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On Thursday the 26th Currant, was Published here several Acts of Parliament, *viz*

An Act, *To prevent all Traiterous Correspondence with Her Majesties Enemies.*

An Act, *Prohibiting all Commerce and Trade with France.*

An Act for *Encouraging the Importation of Naval Stores from Her Majesty's Plantations in America to England. Granting a Reward or Præmium to the im[p]orter, viz,*

For good and Merchantable Tar *per Ton* containing 8 Barrels, each Barrel to Gage 31 Gallons and an half, *Four Pounds.*

For good and Merchantable Pitch *per Ton*, each Ton containing 20 gross hundreds (net Pitch) to be brought in 8 Barrels, *Four Pounds.*

For good and Merchantable Rozin or Turpentine *per Ton*, each Ton containing 20 Gross Hundreds (net Rozin or Turpentine) to be brought in 8 Barrels, *Three Pounds.*

For Hemp Water, rotted, bright and clear, *per Ton*, containing 20 Gross Hundreds, *Six Pounds.*

For all Masts, Yards and Bowsprights, *per Ton*, allowing 40 Foot to each Ton, Girt measure, according to the customary way of measuring Round Bodies, *One Pound.*

On the 29. Instant Arrived here Capt. Rymes from London who left Plymouth the 19th May last, came out in Company with the Virginia and West India Fleet, under Convoy of 8 men of War, he parted with the Virginia Fleet about 7 Weeks ago, and with the Gray hound for N. York, Capt. Payn Master about a fortnight since, 200 Leagues to the Eastward of Cape Codd: In his passage he met with strong Westerly Winds.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Wair* from Piscataqua, *Hedge, Grover, Vail, Lothrop and Gardner* from Connecticut Outwards, *Smith, Sturges, Prince and Wells* for Connecticut; Foreign Inwards, *John Richards* from Jamaica, *John Welch* from Barmuda, *Peter Leach* from Nevis, *Francis Norris* from Moniserat, and *John Hobbs* from Antigua. Cleared Outwards, *Humphry Scammon* for Barbadoes, *Thomas Pope* for Maryland, *John Webster* for Corratuck, *Newcomb Blague* for Fyall, *Benjamin Pittman* for Newfoundland, and *Thomas Miller* for Nevis. Outward Bound, *George Write* for Newfoundland.

~~His Excellency~~ His Excellency intends a Meeting of the General Assembly on Wednesday the 5th of September next, unto which day they stand Prorogued; Having Matters of Importance to Communicate to them by Her Majesties Especial Command.

### Advertisements.

There is now Published, Abraham the Passenger, His Privilege and Duty: Described in an Election Sermon at Boston N. E.

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May 30 1705. By Joseph Easterbrooks, A. M. And Pastor of the Church of Christ at Concord. Sold by Benj. Eliot at his Shop under the West End of the Town House.

There is Set up by the White Horse near to Capt. Turffey's in the South End of the Town of Boston, one Jeremiah Jackson lately come from London, a special good Workman for Weaving of all manner of Stuff, Searges and Druggets, &c. who undertakes to work on very Reasonable Terms.

To be Sold at the Post-Office in Boston: The Monthly Mercury's, London Gazetts, Flying Posts, Observators, Post Man and Post Boys, either in Setts by the year or single; so that any person in Town or Country, in this or the Neighbouring Provinces, may have them on Reasonable Terms, agreeing with John Campbell Post Master for the same.

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[In this issue, which is of two pages only, special prominence is given in the first column of the first page, under date Dublin, February 17, to the addresses made by both houses of the Irish Parliament to the queen and the answer of the queen thereto. There is also a letter from Edinburgh concerning the meeting of the general assembly of the Church, and a considerable variety of minor war news from Hague, Vienna and Cologne. The last column on the first page and a half column on the second page are filled with domestic news.]

Philadelphia, July 27. The Ship *Norwich* designs for *London* very shortly, and to touch at *Lisbon* for the benefit of Convoy from thence. Our vessels from *England* not yet Arrived.

New-York July 30th. By a Sloop from *Jamaica* in 23 days, one *Jolin Master*, who arrived the 25th. We are acquainted, That Admiral *Whetston* has taken a French Ship of 44. Guns on the Coast of *New-Spain*; she went from *Guinea* to *New-Spain* with *Negro's*, and there disposed of them, and having the produce on Board was bound for *France*; she is thought to be a very rich Prize. No News as yet of the Arrival of the *Virginia Fleet*, nor when the Homeward bound

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Fleet Sailes. Petty, Smallage and Lawrence Sailed last Week for Boston. The Act of Parliament for the Encouraging the Importation of Naval Stores to England, The Act prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with France; And an Act to prevent all Traiterous Correspondence with Her Majesties Enemies, were Published here.

Cambridge, July 31st. This Day was held here the Superiour Court of Assize, and General Goal delivery, where a Souldier belonging to the Castle was Arraigned for deserting Her Majesties Service, Who pleaded Guilty to the Indictment; and was ordered, to be set upon the Gallows for the space of one whole Hour, with a Rope about his Neck, and suffer 3 Months Imprisonment.

*Boston, Per Captain Rimes from London,* we have the following Advice [Here follows a half column of foreign news items.]

By Letters *Via Virginia & Philadelphia* by a Ship met at Sea, from on Board the Mast Fleet bound to *England* under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the *Advice* of the 30th of *April* last, in Lat. 44 and about 550 Leagues to the Eastward of *Cape Cod*, we have Advice, that having Sailed from *Piscataqua* on the 6th. They had a very great Storm of Snow upon the 8th, in which they lost Company with the *Expedition*, *John Balston* Master, and the Ketch *William* and *John, Richard Waterhouse* Master, and on said day one *Mortimore* Mate to Mr. *Corney* was lost Overboard. The 9th in the morning the Man of War saw Cap. *Balston's* Ship Foundered, being full of water, and her Masts all by the Board, the water running out at the Cabbin Windows. The same day Mr. *Thomas Cooper*, Merchant, was taken ill, and on the 12th he was taken Speechless, & dyed the 18th. Mr. *John Bonus* was then living but very bad. The 12th they lost Company with the Ketch *Hope*, *Robert Almon* Master, and on the 13th they lost Company with the *Dove*, *John Wilde* Master.

Coasters, Entered Inwards, *Loring, Hilliard, Mitchel, Allen, and Blin* from *Connecticut*, *Lawrence* from *N. York*. Outwards, *Hedge, Walter, Lothrop & Wells* for *Connecticut*, *Schellinx* for *N. York*, *Wells & Breed* for *Piscataqua*: Foreign Inwards, *Thomas Bell, and John Wilkins* from *North-Carolina*, *Samuel Rimes* from *London*, *Ebenezar Coffin* from *Madera*, *Stephen Codman, Eleazar Darby & Joshua Cornish* from *Pensilvania*, *Ezekiel Cravatt* from *Lisbone*, and *William Goddard* from *Fyall*. Cleared, Outwards, *Thomas Taylor* for *Nevis*, and *Ephraim Breed* for *Jamaica*. Outward bound, *John Love* for *Antigua*, *John Horton* for *New-foundland*, *Thomas Windsor* for *St. Christophers*, and *Francis Norris* for *Montserrat*.

### Advertisements.

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also that first in June 25, and that announcing London news-papers on sale, as in July 30.]

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[UNDER date London, March 3, 1704-5, is published the proclamation of the queen for a general fast. Letters from Hamburg, Vienna and Lisbon, of February dates, and from Hague, Berlin and Copenhagen in March transmit a variety of war news. About a column and a half on the second page is filled with domestic news.]

*St. Johns Newfoundland, July 20.* My Last advised of 300 French and Indians intending to make a descent on our Parts; some whereof, if not all, are come to *Trinity, Carboniere, and Consumption Bay*; they have taken several of the People, and sent them to *Placentia*, others they used very barbarously, and some have made their escape hither, and to *Carboniere-Island*, where they are forced to keep; so that the Fishery will be all destroyed excepting here, & at *Bonavist*, where the People have given the *French and Indians* 450 l. not to destroy the place, and yet they threaten them now again. One of Her Majesties Men of War is going to *Trinity-Bay*.

New-York, August 6 On the first Instant Arrived here Capt. Payne in the Gray-hound Galley from London, she came out with Her Majesties Ship the Lowstoff, and the Fleet bound for Virginia, and the West-Indies, &c. from Plimouth the 19th May last. On the 4th. Instant arrived here Capt. Cumby in the Genoua Galley; She Sailed from Plimouth the last of May with the Grand Fleet bound for Lisbone, whom three days after they came out, took two French Ships outward bound, loaden with Wine & Brandy, by whom they had Intelligence, that 16 or 18 great Men of War were in Brest, and ready to Sail, but not known whither: Whereupon our Fleet stood over to the Coast of France, and some of them lay 3 days in sight of Brest, and others were sent into Camaret Bay, to make the French Ships and found the Intelligence True; upon which the whole Fleet made Sail and stood for Lisbone, and two days afterwards (after a Council of War) Two Flaggs with 20 or 22 good Ships were ordered to return, and to lye off Brest for the coming out of the French Squadron: And the rest of the Fleet proceeded to Lisbone. Capt. Cumby left Fyall about 6 Weeks agoe, and in Company with him a

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Dogger for Boston, and a Briganteen for Philadelphia. A Sloop is Arrived just now from Jamaica, and sayes, That the Guinea Prize, (mentioned in my last) to be taken by Admiral Whetstone, upon the Coast of New-Spain, is worth Two hundred Thousand Pounds. Vessels Outward bound, are Davis & Creago for St. Thomas, Beard for Carolina, NewenhuySEN for Curacoa, Joline for Jamaica, and Gravenraedt for Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Post not yet come in.

*Salisbury, August 10.* On the 3d. Instant *Susanna Griffin* of this Town, was found dead in a small Pond of Water about a Foot and an half deep, into which 'tis Judged (through the Violence of Satans Temptations) having first Twisted her Neckcloth very hard about her Neck, she cast her self and was drown'd or suffocated: She was esteemed to be a Person of a Pious and Sober Conversation: And we hope the Inserting of such an awful Providence here may not be offensive, but rather a Warning to all others to watch against the Wiles of our Grand Adversary.

*Boston,* On Monday the 6th Currant, Mr. *Ebenezar Wentworth* coming here from the Eastward off *Casko*, he saw a Shallop, whc sent a Boat with 8 hands after him, but they seeing half a dozen hands in his Boat at his Stern, they return'd back again, he judged them to be Enemies. On Thursday the 9th Currant, about 12 at night, Mr. *Bryan Smith* in a Briganteen from *New-Bristol*, off Cape Cod, fell in betwixt a Ship and a Sloop, the Sloop having on Board about 25 French-men, who fired some hundred shot at him, but being in his ballast & a good Sayler, he out Sailed them; the Sloop had been taken that day by a *French* Privateer of 8 Guns, and about 130 men, with part of whom the Sloop was mann'd. On Fryday the 10th Currant, Mr. *Smith* spoke with Capt. *Southack* in the Province Galley, who was then in Chase of the said Privateer, *Smith* kept Company with the Galley all that day; there being but little Wind, and left her in the Evening within 4 miles of them, at which time a Gale sprung up at South-East. On Saturday the 11th Instant arrived here *Thomas Barns* from *Rhode-Island*, and *Keersteed* in a Sloop from *New York*, who met a Ketch off Cape-Cod that was in Company with him the day before, and by her working supposed there was no body on Board, and sending his Boat on Board found it so, and supposes that being Chased by a Privateer, the men run on shoar in their Boat; the Ketch is Mr. *Oburn* from *Virginia*, which *Keersteed* has brought in to *Nantasket*. Several persons arrived here to day that belonged to a *Bristol* Ship, *Thomas Taylor* Master, bound for *Nevis*, who was taken on Thursday last by the *French* Privateer aforesaid: Others of them belonged to *James Blin* in a Sloop bound for *Connecticut* taken also the same day; The

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Privateer belongs to *Martinico*, came last from *Port-Royal* and had about 30 men from thence, which they have sent back with *Blin's Sloop*, and 2 Sloops that they took belonging to *Cape-Anne*, one of which is sunk, and have sent *Taylor* and *Blin* with them: and seeing our Galley in chase of them, they burnt *Taylors Ship*.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Hall, Webber, Parker, Smith, and Gillam* from *Connecticut*. Outwards, *Blin, Mitchell, Grover, Lothrop, Hall and Walker* for *Connecticut, Jackson and Mitchell* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, *John Walker* from *Virginia, William Brown* from *Madera, & Ebenezer Chamberlin* from *Newfoundland*. Cleared Outwards, *David Breton* for *Madera, Thomas Skuse* for *Nevis, Zachary Symes, and George Wright* for *Newfoundland, William Cooke and Samuel Clarke* for *Monserrat*, and *James Grant* for *Whitehaven*. Outward Bound, *Peter Leach* for *Nevis, John Foster* for *Barbadoes, John Wilkins, and Thomas Bell* for *North-Carolina*.

[The announcement of the next meeting of the General Assembly is reprinted, as in the issue of July 30.]

~~Whereas the Holding the Great and General Court at Boston, and the Superior Court at Bristol, and the Inferior Court at Cambridge, at one and the same time, proves now very inconvenient, by reason of the Attendance of several Persons necessarily Required at every of the said Courts; The Justices have therefore Adjourned the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Goal Delivery, which should have been held at Bristol, on Tuesday, the Eleventh of September next; unto Tuesday, the Five and Twentieth day of the said September.~~

### Advertisement.

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[**U**NDER date Westminster, March 14, 1704-5, is a letter giving an account of the attendance of the queen upon Parliament, a list of several acts to which royal assent was given and the speech of prorogation. From Dublin, March 4, is an address of the Irish Parliament to the queen; from St. James, March 4, a report of the address to the queen, of the archbishop, bishops and clergy of Ireland, and from Berlin and Hague various war rumors. The domestic news fills a little more than one column on the second page.]

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New-York, Aug. 13 On the 10th. Instant Arrived here for Privateers, viz. Captains Clavar, in a Ship, Gincks in a Brigante Dewint and Willoughby in two Sloops, who brought in with them Spanish Prize, which they took in sight of the Havanna, bound thither; She is a Ship of near 300 Tons 20 Guns, had above 100 men on board, all which were Passengers, but about 40 men who belonged to the Ship; She was boarded and taken by Capt. Clavar, who Rowed up to her in a Calm before Capt. Gincks could come up to his assistance. Capt. Clavar had 3 men kill'd and 25 Wounded, and the Spaniards 8 kill'd: They loaded her at Cadiz, and is said to be a rich Prize. They brought 20 of the Prisoners hither, two of which are Fryers, the rest they put a Shoar. The loading on board the Prize is said to consist of 350 Pipes of Wine and Brandy, 4000 Jars of Oyl, 4 Baskets of Rezins, some Currants, Anchovies and Olives, and Bayls of Dry Goods: These Privateers has near upon 400 men.

*Piscataqua*, Aug. 17. An Express coming from *Sacho* the 14 Instant, advising of several great Guns, and Volleys of small shot that they heard, and supposed to be at *Casco*; Her Majesty's Council of this Province forthwith ordered a Shallop with 13 men well armed under the Command of Lieutenant *Cotton*, to go and make Discovery thereof, but are not yet returned.

Several Tracks of the Enemy were lately discovered to the Eastward, and about 6 or 8 Doggs seen, which puts our Frontiers into a watchful posture.

*Nathaniel Fryer* Esqr formerly of the Council of this Province Died on Tuesday the 14th Instant, in the 84th Year of his Age, and was yesterday enterr'd.

*Ipswich*, Aug. 18. One *Clough* is arrived here in a Shallop from the *Eastward*, who the 16th Currant spoke with Capt. *Harris* in a private Sloop of War, off *Winter-Harbour*, who told him he had taken *Blin's* Sloop (mentioned in our last) and that he was going to *Papudock* to take in the French men who run a Shoar, and to bribe them to *Boston*; and 'tis supposed that was the Firing that was heard at *Sacho*.

*Boston*, By an Express to His Excellency from *Sacho-Fort* of the 13th currant, we are acquainted that the same day and the day before, there was several small and great Guns heard, and supposed to be at *Casco*: His Excellency hereupon ordered a Reinforcement to be sent to the said Fort, for fear of any Descent that should be made by the Enemy. By Passengers in a Ketch arrived from *Virginia*, we are informed, that the *Virginia* Fleet bound for *England*, consisting of about 76 Sail, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ships the *Oxford*, *Litchfield* and *Strumbulo* Men of War, Sailed the 27

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*July*, several Merchant-men in Company, being of good Force. Capt. *Southack* in the Province-Galley, on Saturday the 11th Currant, being in Chase of the *French* Privateer on our Coast, came within 2 miles of her, when spending his Top-Mast, he was necessitated to put in to *Cape-Cod* Harbour to refit, and Sailed from thence again on *Tuesday* the 14th Instant, the *Lords-Day* and *Monday* being very Stormy Weather: And since his coming out of *Cape-Cod*, has been in Chase of the said Privateer, and gaining upon him, obliged him to quit a *Priz[e]* Fishing Ketch which he had in Towe, and to sink her. Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford* is ordered out to Cruise, but has been this Week kept in by contrary Winds. His Excellency Setts out on *Monday* the 20th Instant for *Stonington* in *Connecticut*-Colony, with several Gentlemen to attend him, to hold a Court there, by Virtue of Her Majesty's Commission under the Broad Seal of *England*, for Inquiring, Hearing and Determining of the Case of *Owoneco Uncas*, and the *Mohegin* Indians, laid before Her Majesty in way of Complaint against the Government of that Colony, for depriving them of their Lands.

On the 19th. Currant Arrived here a Briganteen from *Nevis*, Francis Plaistead Master, came from thence the 1st. Instant, by whom we are advised, That the Packet from England about ten days ere he Sayl'd, brought word that his Grace the Duke of Marlborough had lately a Battle with the French in Flanders, wherein he obtained a Signal Victory over the Enemy, who lost about 12000 men. Capt. Nathaniel Green from Boston to Barbadoes was taken in sight of the Island.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Tiller* and *Keersteed* from *New-York*, *Barns* from *Rhode-Island*, and *Curtis* from *Connecticut* Foreign Inwards, *John Pitts* from *Virginia*, and *Richard Daffin* from *Fyall*. Cleared Outwards, *Thomas Windsor* for *St Christophers*. Outward Bound, *Abraham Hill* for *Newfoundland*, *William Roulston*, and *William Alden* for *Barbadoes*.

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**[PROMINENCE is given in the foreign news in this issue, to a proclamation of the queen granting freedom of trade to the**

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merchant ships of Holland; and there is a variety of foreign war news from Madrid, Geneva, Hague, Vienna, Warsaw, Lisbon and other places on the continent of Europe. The domestic news is in one and a half columns. It relates principally to the movements of French privateers in the West Indies.]

Philadelphia, Aug. 10. Capt. Carter in the Briganteen from London and Fyal, Arrived here on Saturday: She is Loaden with Wine & some Brandy, & for bringing the Latter she is under Seizure. The Ship New Norwich bound for London, burthen 150 Tons, 10 Guns all close, carries 18 men, Intends to take the benefit of the 2 Men of War, that is to arrive from England, if they are not to tarry for the Fleet. As yet we have no Advice of the Fleets Arrival from England.

New-York, Aug. 20. A small Sloop Arrived here the 10th. Instant from St. Thomas, brings advice, That they saw several of the Fleet from England to Virginia Standing into the Capes. Her Majesties Ship the Lowstoff is ordered out to Cruise.

Boston, Our Last gave Account of *Blin's* Sloop being Re-taken; The French-men got on Shoar being 24, who Baracado'd themselves, and defended the Sloop so, that Capt. *Harris* could not take her, but on condition that he should let them have a Whale-Boat, wherein 12 of them went to *Port-Royal*, & the other 12 surrendered themselves Prisoners, who are brought hither in the said Sloop, wherein came Capt *Taylor* and Mr. *Blin*, who were Prisoners with the French: They told our Prisoners, that the Privateer who took them had also in his Passage from the *West-Indies* to *Port-Royal*, taken a Brigantine, one *Mason* Master, belonging to *Boston*, on Board whereof was Mr *John Vryling*, Merchant and part Owner, whom they left there.<sup>112</sup>

On Saturday the 18th Currant, several of our Fishing-Vessels from Cape *Sables*, being on their way homeward, about 30 Leagues East from Cape-*Ann*, it being a very thick Fog in the morning, they first heard the Ringing of a Ship Bell, then a sound of words, which they apprehended to be Praying, and ended with a loud Acclamation *Vive Le Roy*; after which the Fog thinning, they espied a Ship just by them, which fired and brought them to, and then sent off her Boat, took 3 of 5 that were near together, the other two escaping.

On Monday the 20th Instant, Sailed Her Majesty's Ship the *Deptford* on her Cruise.

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112 Probably the briganteen "Hope," owned by Mr. Vryling and Lieutenant-Colonel Benjamin Alford of Boston. See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . Vol. VIII, p. 616. The "Hope" was subsequently (in August, 1706) hired by the Province to bring back English prisoners from Canada, and Captain John Bonner was employed as master on her voyage to Quebec. Samuel Appleton was the commissioner to negotiate for the exchange. See News-Letter Nos. 124 and 136 post.

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On *Thursday* the 23d *Currant*, the *Province-Galley* returned from her Cruise, who the *Tuesday* before spoke with Her Majesty's Ship the *Deptford*, who was then going in pursuit of the *French Privateer* on our Coast, whom they judged to be going to *Port-Royal*. The *Province-Galley* goes out again on Monday the 27 with several Vessels and Coasters under her Convoy. On *Fryday* the 24th arrived here Mr. *Peter Bodwin* in a Sloop from *New Castle* had about 8 weeks passage, he came out thence with the Fleet for *Russia*, consisting of about 80 Sail, under Convoy of 8 Men of War, by whom we are informed, That Her Majesty's Ship the *Advice*, and the Mast Ships, and all the other Vessels that went under her Convoy from *New-England* were safely arrived in *England* the latter end of *June*, excepting Capt *Balston* that was lost. [Foreign News] That Cap. *Gillam* bound for *Boston*, was in the *Downs* waiting for a Convoy to Sail. On the said Day arrived from *Jamaica* Masters, *Wing* and *Mears* about 5 weeks passage, who came out in Company with the Fleet for *England*, consisting of about 52 Sail, under Convoy of 4 Men of War; and in the night having a flurry of Wind coming thro' the Gulph of *Florida*, there was 2 or 3 Ships missing, and it's to be feared, that a Man of War if not 2 and a Merchant man was lost upon the Cape. *Capt. Ventiman* from *Boston* was arrived at *Jamaica*, and *Mr Noyes* in the *Hannover Briganteen* of *Boston* from *Madera*. The *E[F]rench Privateers* are thick upon the Coast of *New-Spain*; and have taken several Vessels.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Ellwell* and *Hedge* from *Connecticut*, *Adolph* and *DeGroof* from *New-York* Outwards, *Wilkins* for *Carolina*, *Bell* for *Coratuck*, *Curtice*, *Loring*, *Allen* and *Gillam* for *Connecticut*, and *Lawrence* for *New-York*. Foreign Inwards, *Francis Plasteed* from *Nevis*, *Tho. Mears* and *John Wing* from *Jamaica*. Cleared Outwards, *John Edwards* for *Jamaica*, *Abraham Hill* for *Newfoundland*, and *Joseph Thorne* for *Nevis*. Outward Bound, *John Thomas* for *Fyall*, *John Ireland* for *Carolina*, and *Eleazar Darby* for *Pennsilvania*.

[The announcement of the next meeting of the General Assembly is reprinted, as in the issue of July 30.]

**Advertisements.**

**R**an-away at Boston about 3 weeks ago from his Master Capt. *Samuel Rymes* Commander of the Barbadoes Merchant, a Man-servant named *Joseph Ingerson*, aged about 22 years, a well-set young man, dark complexion, pritty full fac'd, short dark hair, if not now a Wig. Whoever shall apprehend said Servant, and him safely convey to his said Master, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, and

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reasonable Charges.

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[IN this number are four columns of foreign news including advices from Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Rome, Madrid, Warsaw, Geneva and elsewhere, of March dates, and the address of the house of peers of Ireland to the queen. An item under Madrid date, March 13, gives this West Indian news: "M du Casse is gone to Cadiz, in order to take the Conduct of the Galleons that sail to the *West-Indies* upon him, which increases the dissatisfaction of those Grandees who remonstrated against it to the King; and told his Majesty, That it was not fit to prefer a *French man* to a *Spaniard* in a thing of that consequence." Under date of Madera, June 14, is information from a London ship that a free trade existed with the Canaries.]

*St. Johns Newfoundland, Aug. 7.* Here are arrived 3 Galleys, who acquaint us, That the Express sent from hence was arrived safe in *England* ere they Sailed; and that 10 Men of War were ordered hither, with 500 Land Forces whom we daily expect. The *French* have taken a Vessel on our Coast, and the Man of War is gone in pursuit of her.

*Philadelphia, Aug 23.* On the 14th. Capt. *Smith* arrived from *London* Capt. *Basset* in the *Norwich* Sails tomorrow for *Virginia*, to go under Convoy of the 2 Men of War that came with the Fleet from *England* who are to Sail in 20 days after their arrival, which is now 12 days since they arrived.

*New York, Aug. 27.* One Dill is Arrived from St. Christophers in 19 days. The Spanish Prize mentioned in my Last, brought in here, is Condemned and now unloading, and was very full of Goods. Last Week came in here a French Prize from Newfoundland, loaden with Core Fish, She is about 100 Tons, and was taken by the Setty Privateer, Capt. *Albert Defrees* Commander, who was fitted out here. Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstoff* Sailed on her Cruise the 25th. Currant.

*Boston, On Tuesday the 28h of August,* There Sailed from *Nantasket* several Vessels and Coasters Outward Bound under Convoy of the Province-Galley.

On Thursday Evening the 30h. of August, His Excellency our Gov-

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ernour returned from *Stonington in Connecticut*, where he Sat some days in the Execution of Her Majesty's Commission, referring to *Omeneco* the Sachem of the *Mohegins*; and we are told, that the Commissioners present, being 10 in number, were very unanimous in their determination in favour of *Omeneco* and their Tribe who have been always faithful to the Crown of England.

On Saturday the 1st Currant, arrived here Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey*, Capt. *Huntington* Commander, who left Jamaica about 6 weeks ago, and was Commandore of the Homeward bound Fleet from thence to *England*; and on the 18th. of *August* in the Latitude of 38 met with a most violent storm, which foundered 2 or 3 of the Fleet, and so shattered the rest, that it's feared few of them are coming hither: There was 2 Merchant-men, the *Unity* and *Marlborough* Briganteen lost in a Storm coming thro' the Gulph of *Florida*; Two of those lost in the last Storm are the *Lurton* Galley, and the *Portugal* Merchant.

The Province-Galley returned this day from her Cruise.

On *Wednesday* the 5th Currant, Our General Assembly is to meet here, unto which day they stand Prorogu'd.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Flood Hilton*, and *Allen* from *Piscataqua*, *Elwell*, *Gardner*, *Wair* and *Sturges* from *Connecticut*, and *Smallage* from *New York*. Outward, *Elwell*, *Hilton* and *Jackson* for *Piscataqua*, *Webber* for *Connecticut*, *Vail* for *Jersey*, and *Darby* for *Pensilvania*. Foreign Inwards, *Joshua Pickman* from *Virginia*, *James Bodwin* from *New Castle*, and *Ebenezar Hathorne* from *Newfoundland*. Cleared Outwards, *Francis Norris* for *Monserat*, *Samuel Carey* for *Madera*, and *Joseph Pulsifer* for *Jamaica*. Outward Bound, *Samuel Rymes*, *Robert Howard*, *Joseph Wadsworth* and *Thomas Freeman* for *Barbadoes*, *Matthew Soley* & *John Wing* for *Jamaica*, and *Abraham Gordin* for *Newfoundland*.

These are to give Notice, That the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk, Held at Boston the 13th. of August last, in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly, Entituled, An Act to prevent Disorders in the Night: Have ordered, and do Require the several Constables and Tything men within the Town of Boston, frequently to walk the Streets of Said Town after 9 at Night, and more especially in the Evenings of the Lords Day & Training-Days, to see if after that time, any Indian, Negro or Mulatto Servant or Slave is found abroad, unless upon some Errand of their Masters or Owners; As also to search all Houses that are suspected to Entertain such Servants or Slaves contrary to Law, and finding any such (if it be too late in the night) to restrain them in the Common Prison, Watch House, or Constables House till morning, to be carried before a Justice of Peace,

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*to receive the Discipline of the House of Correction, that all such Disorders may be prevented.*

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[UNDER date *St. James's March* 30, 1705 is the announcement of the election of the duke of Marlborough to be high steward of New-Woodstock, and under date *Dublin, March*, 23 the address of the commons of Ireland to the duke of Ormond, lord lieutenant general. There are also reports of European affairs from London, Vienna, Moscow, Hague and elsewhere of March dates. Domestic news fills two columns.]

*Philadelphia, Aug. 30.* On the 23d arrived one *Gardner* in a Sloop from *Fyall*, she belongs to *Boston*. This day a Sloop arrived from *Virginia*, who say, that the 2 Men of War for *England* were to Sail the 5th of next month.

*Elizabeth Town in Jersey, Aug. 30.* On Monday the 20 Currant, Dyed here in the Afternoon the Reverend Mr. *John Harriman*, Pastor of the Church in this place, Aged about 60 Years: Who the same day at a Church Meeting told his people, that his time of departure drew near and exhorted them to Peace and Unity one with another, and to stand fast in the Covenant that they had engaged themselves to.

*New-York Sept. 3* On the 31 Last arrived here a small Sloop Loaden with Cocoa, being a Prize lately taken by Capt. *Penistone* upon the Coast of *New-Spain*; who has also taken 2 other Sloops Loaden with Wine and Brandy, and was bound hither with them, she left them about a month ago on the other side of the Gulph of *Florida*.

On the 1st Instant arrived at *Sandyhook* 3 of Her Majesties Ships, viz. The *Nonsuch*, Capt. *Boyce*, the *Maremaid*, Capt. *Riddel*, and the *Deal-Castle*, Capt. *Ogle*, Commanders, and also 13 Merchant-men, viz. The *George*, *Osburn* Master, the *Mary & Martha*, *Madden* Master, the *Marlborough*, *Wilson* Master, the *Desire*, *Wake*, Master, the *William* Galley, *Parker* Master, the *Robert & Francis*, *Burroughs* Master, the *Tyger*, *Hort* Master, the *St. John Baptist*, *Brisselbolt* Master, the *Don Carolus*, *Summers* Master, the *Dorothy*, *Jeffers* Master, the *Betty*, *Owen* Master, the *Indicos* Merchant, *Nulington* Master, the *Jamaica* Merchant, *Smith* Master, being part of the Homeward bound



B Y T H E

## GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL

**W**HEREAS, some have lately published a Pamphlet Entituled, *Publick Occurrences, Both Foreign and Domestick*: Boston, Thursday, September 25th, 1690. *Without the least Authority or Countenance of Authority.*

The Governor and Council having had the perusal of the said Pamphlet, and finding that therein is contained Reflections of a very high nature: & also many doubtful and uncertain Reports, so hereby gran-

tle and declare their high Regard and Disallowance of said Pamphlet, and Order that the same be Suppreſſed and called in; & finally forbidding any person or persons for the future to Set forth any thing in Print without Licence first obtained from thence that are to be appointed by the Government to grant the same.

*By Order of the Governor & Council.*

*At Boston, September 29th, 1690.*

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Fleet, who in the Lat. of 38 on the 18th. of *August* last met with a most violent Storm, wherein several of the Fleet perished, and those that escaped are most miserably shattered and damnified, and are come in hither to refit, which will not be performed in less than 6 weeks time, most of them wanting Masts; They say, that it was as great a Storm as that which was in *England* in *November* last was a year.

A Briganteen from *Philadelphia* bound to *Barbadoes*, one *Norman* Master, met with the same Storm in Lat. 23 and an half, and is come hither disabled.

Her Majesty's ship the *Lowstoff* returned from her Cruise on Fryday last, and will go to Sea again to morrow or next day.

Rhode-Island, Sept. 7. On the 3d Arrived here the Sloop *Phenix*, *Joseph Rosebothem* Master, who Sailed hence the 10th. of August, bound for *Barbadoes*, Loaden with Lumber & Horses, and on the 18th. in the Lat. of 38 met with the same Storm mentioned in the News-Letter, that the *Jamaica* Fleet for *England* met with, which overset her, and continued so for one hour, then her Mast broke with the next Sea, and she righted on her bottom but full of water, and all on Deck clear carried away: There was 4 men drowned, Viz. *Henry Pike*, *Dr. Wheeler*, *Dr. Ross* and *James Blackwell*, all of *Barbadoes*; The rest of the men were washt over board several times, but got in again. The Master Served to the Sea from his Youth, but declares he never was in such a Storm before.

On the 5th. *Currant* came in here the Ship *Laura* of *London* Capt. *George Wake* Master, one of the Fleet from *Jamaica*, who met with the above Storm, which carryed away her Main Mast and Fore-Mast, and was very near foundering; in the Night another Ship run on board her, which the Master of this supposing to be in a better condition than his own, Himself, the chief Mate, and 5 men more Jumpt into the other Ship, and left this, so that one *Joyce* who is Second Mate and 8 of the Sailers brought her in here where she is in a very shatter'd condition. They saw several of the Fleet a day or two after the Storm, but most disabled.

*Boston*, Our Last gave Account of a most violent Storm that the *Jamaica* Fleet bound for *England* met with the 18 of *August* in the Latitude of 38. It began about 10 of the Clock at night, the Wind shifted all the points of the Compass, & continued a meer fret of Wind for about 18 hours time. The *Portugal* Merchant, *Hog* Master that foundered about 11 a Clock on the 19th. had the *French* Captain on Board her, that Admiral *Whetstone* took on the *Spanish* Coast when the Ship foundered all the men were lost except two Seamen that got on a Plank, who kept on it about an hour, but both were wash'd off again; one of them a Young man of low Stature, named

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*Joseph Williams* swam to the Plank again, and got on it, & kept on it for almost 3 days and 2 whole nights, holding fast only with his hands till *Tuesday* the 21st of *August* about Sun-set, when he was taken on Board the *London Bridge*, *Henry Feavert* Commander. His Skin when taken up being soakt with salt water, was like the skin of a drown'd person which is gone and a new skin is come in the room of it.

On *Wednesday* Sat the General Assembly, and said day arrived here the *London Bridge*, one of the *Jamaica Fleet*.

*On Thursday His Excellency Issued forth a Proclamation, prohibiting all persons to Entertain, Harbour or Credit any Mariner, Seaman, or Marine belonging to any of Her Majesties Ships of War, on pain of Losing their Debt, & the inflicting of such penalties on those that shall entertain or harbour them as the Law provides, without special Licence from their Commander in writing under his hand.*

On said day arrived the *Charles Galley*, Cap. *Bird* Commander, and the *Margaret Galley*, Capt. *Emmons* Commander, being 2 of the *Jamaica Fleet*: Cap *Emmons* Saw 19 Sail of the Fleet when the Storm was over, including those that are come hither. The *Dorset*, Cap *Haynes* Commander arrived here the same day, who left *Virginia* the 9 of *August*, and met with the same Storm in the Lat. of 40, who Lost her Masts therein. On said day also arrived Capt. *Azor Gale* from *Barbadoes*, had a months passage; there came out in company with him for this place, *Berry*, *Lowder*, *Johnson*[.] *Wier* and *Codman*, *Perkins* for *New-York*, and a Sloop for *Pensilvania*.

On Saturday came here one *Allin* a Flag of Truce who came from *Port-Royal* the 20th of *August* with Letters from the Commander there to His Excellency, with whom came Mr. *Vryling*<sup>113</sup> mentioned in our Numb. 71. to be taken by Capt. *Crapo* the *French Privateer*, who is now at *Port-Royal* fitting out again to come upon our Coast: He carried in with him a Barque from *Virginia* bound for *Bristol*. There is now at *Port-Royal*, 7 *English Vessels*, viz., the Barque from *Virginia*, Mr. *Vryling*'s<sup>113</sup> Briganteen, 2 Ketchers, 2 deck Sloops, and one open Sloop, and about 30 men Prisoners. They are in great want of Provisions at *Port-Royal*.

This day was Interr'd Mrs. *Mary Lake*, Widow (of the Memorable Capt. *Thomas Lake*,) who Dyed on *Wednesday* the 5th Instant: Aged about 74 Years.<sup>114</sup>

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<sup>113</sup> John Vryling, part owner of the briganteen "Hope." See foot-note 112, page 236 *ante*.

<sup>114</sup> See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 137, under date *Seventh-day*: Septt 8. 1705. For "the memorable Captain Thomas Lake," see Drake's *The History and Antiquities of Boston*, pp. 422, 423.

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Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford* returned this day from her Cruise, who came short of the *Virginia* Barque at *Port-Royal* about 3 hours, he brought with him their out *Sentinel*. The *Deptford* and *Province-Galley* are both ordered out again to Cruise.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Kilberne*, *Smith* and *Waters* from *Connecticut*. Outward, *Keersteed* for *New York*, *Parker* for *Pensil-vania*, and *Hedge* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *Azor Gale* from *Barbadoes*. Cleared Outwards, *Peter Leach* for *Nevis*, *John Blew* for *Monserat*, *John Horton* and *William Rowlston* for *Newfoundland*. Outward bound, *Joshua Pickman* for *Virginia*, *Janes Barns* for *Barbadoes*, *Francis Plaistead* and *William Goddard* for *Madera*, *Benj. Stone* for *London*, *Thomas Gwin* for *Antigua*, and *Rob. Gold* for *Newfoundland*.

### Advertisements.

**A** Convenient Dwelling House and Shop with other Accommodations, the next Door to the Post Office in Boston to be Lett: Enquire of John Campbell Post Master.

**A** Gentleman has an Hundred or a Hundred and Fifty Pounds to Lend out at Interest upon good Security: Enquire of John Campbell, Post Master.

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**R. E.**

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**AS—NY**

[**A** PROCLAMATION of the queen, March 29, 1705, for observance of an act of Parliament to prevent traitorous correspondence fills one column. Under March and April dates there is general war news from Paris, Antwerp, Venice, Rome, Hague, Warsaw and Ratisbon. There is one column of domestic news.]

Barbadoes, Aug. 8. Mr. Samuel Frazon coming the 10 of June last from on Board Capt. Trotter in the Pinnace of his own Ship, with 2 Seamen, one Abraham Parker of York near Piscataqua, the other a Jersey man and his own Negro, the Boat and men were never seen since, the Wind blowing fresh, 'tis fear'd they are drown'd.

A second Flag of Truce is returned from Martinico, but no likelihood of settling any Cartell, our Government thinking their demands extravagant.

*New York, Sept. 10* On the 5th Instant arrived here the Brigan-

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teen *Laurell*, *Henry Play Master*, being one of the *Jamaica Fleet* dissabled by the late Storm they met with in the Lat. 38 on the 18th of *August* last, which occasioned the 3 Men of War and 13 Merchantmen mentioned in my Last to come in here and refit being part of the same Fleet. The same day came in a Sloop, on[e] *Creago Master*, who some time since Sailed hence for *St. Thomas*, but met with the above Storm, which broke his Boom, wash'd three men Overboard, and other damage, which oblig'd him to return.

Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstoff* designed yesterday to Sail on her Cruise towards the Capes of *Virginia*, we have no certain Advice when the Men of War will sail from thence to *England*.

*Boston*, His Excellency has been pleased to fill up the Vacancy in the Militia Officers of our Regiment (occasioned by the Death of Leut Col. *Thomas Savage*, & Major *Benj. Davis*) by Commissionating Capt. *Samuel Checkly*<sup>115</sup> to be Lieutenant Colonel, and Capt. *Adam Winthrop*<sup>116</sup> Major, Captain *Oliver Noyes*, Captain *John Ballantine*, Captain *Thomas Fitch*, and Captain Lieutenant *Abijah Savage*.

On Wednesday the 12th Currant, There was here a very great appearance of Men in the Train Bands: occasioned by the Castle's giving of the Alarm at the sight of 5 Vessels seen coming in, 2 whereof was Her Majesty's Ship the *Deptford* Towing in, the *Johnson Frigot*, *Reach Master*, being one of the *Jamaica Fleet*, who is much disabled; The other 3 were *Berry* and *Lowder* from *Barbadoes*, and *Green* from *Nevis*.

On Saturday the 15th Currant, His Excellency Prorogued the General Assembly, unto Wednesday the 24th. of *October* next.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Hilton* and *Heath* from *Piscataqua*, *Hedge* and *Lothrop* from *Connecticut*. Outwards, *Flood* and *Wier* for *Piscataqua*, *Andrews* for *Connecticut*, *Alexander Duncan* and *James Gold* for *Pensilvania*. Foreign Inwards, *Wier*, *James Berry*, and *Henry Lowder* from *Barbadoes*, and *Tobias Green* from *Nevis*. Cleared Outwards, *William Goddard* for *Madera*, *Robert Gold* for *Pensilvania*, *Joshua Pickman* for *Virginia*, and *John Wing* for *Jamaica*. Outward Bound, *Thomas Mires* for *Jamaica*, *Moses Wadland* for *Madera*, *Richard Daffin* for *Virginia*, *Jonathan Lambere* for *Antigua*, and *Ebenezar Hainhorn* for *Newfoundland*.

### Advertisements

A Negro Woman about 24 Years Old to be Sold by Captain *John Love*, and to be seen at his house in the North-End of *Boston*

115 *Samuel Checkley*, an influential member of the General Court.

116 Captain *Adam Winthrop*: grandson of Governor *John Winthrop* of *Massachusetts*.

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near to Mr. Jonas Clarke's.

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R. E.

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AS-NY

[FROM Edinburgh, April 12, is an account of the hanging of the pirates Green, Madder and Sympson, and there is war news of March and April dates from Paris, Vienna, Hamburg, Turin, Moscow, Hague, Warsaw and elsewhere. Domestic news occupies a little more than one column.]

New-York, Sept. 17. On the 13th Instant, arrived here a Sloop from Curacao, Charles Sleigh Master, by whom we have advice, that 2 Spanish Privateers lay off Bonira, and upon notice thereof at Curacao they fitted out 3 Sloops and took them both, & brought them in thither without the loss of a man.

On the 14th Instant, arrived here Capt. Penniston's Privateer Sloop, who parted with Penniston in his Ship 15 days before he arrived off South Carolina, they were in the great Storm, & were there separated from 2 Prize Sloops which they had taken, but whether they are in being, or foundered they know not.

By a Sloop arrived yesterday at Amboy from Curacao, we are acquainted, that on Fryday last there was seen off Barnagatt one of Capt. Penniston's Prize Sloops, and a Ship without Masts, plying for this Port; we imagine the Ship to be one of the Jamaica Fleet. We are assured, That the Prudent Sarah, Perkins Master, and the Oxenden, Smyton Master, being 2 of the Jamaica Fleet were foundered in the Storm; we know not the certainty of any others besides those mentioned in the Publick Print.

Last week arrived here Teller, Adolph, Degroff & Kersteel from Boston. Vessels Outward Bound are 2 ships for Barbadoes, a Brigantine for Surranam, a Sloop for Jamaica, 2 Ships for London, Clay for Rhode Island, and Derrick Adolph for Boston.

*Rhode-Island, Sept. 21* On the 16th Currant arrived here Capt. Nathaniel Coffin, who Sailed from Boston on the 21st of July last, in Company with 13 Sail bound for Barbadoes, who on the 21st of August last, in the Lat. of 29 met with a most violent Storm, which caused him to Cut his Main and Mizen Mast by the board, he lost all his Horses therein; The Storm continued about 14 hours, and

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the heighth thereof about 8 hours. Capt *Coffin* spoke with Mr. *Perkins* in the Flying Horse after the Storm was over, being one of the same Fleet, who told him, that he lost his Boat, his Horses, Fore-Sail and Gibb, yet designed to proceed on his Voyage to *Barbadoes*, though *Coffin* was necessitated to return.

*Marblehead, Sept. 22.* On Thursday the 20th Currant arrived here *John Holicom* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes* bound for *Piscataqua*, who left *Barbadoes* the 22d of *August*, and was taken the 8th Instant, by a *French* Ship of 10 Guns, from *Petiguavus* bound to *St. Malo's*, and said to be the Packet-Boat that came from *England* to *Boston*, about 3 years ago; *Holicom* bought his Vessel of the Captain for 400 1 Sterling to be paid in *St Malo's*, one *Bates* went Hostage till the Money is paid; *Holicom* sunk all his Letters ere he was taken.

*Holicom* says, That there was a Turnado in *Barbadoes* which begun on the 18 of *August*, and continued 4 days, which caused a most violent Storm, the Wind came up at S. and backed away to the E. S. E. the heighth of the Storm lasted 18 hours, which has caused a great deal of damage among the shipping in the Road 22 vessels were put on Shoar, *Holicom* & *Fyfield* being 2 of them were got off again; & an *Irish* man was getting off as he came away; a *Dutch*-man from *Suranam* about 500 Tons loaded with Sugar was staved all to pieces: The Countrys Sloop and Briganteen of War both lost: Great damage sustained among those Vessels that rode out the Storm, some whereof cannot be repaired, a great many men were drowned, one of Her Majesties Men of War lost all her Anchors, lash'd her Guns, & got to Sail as the Wind vier'd.

Cap *Flint* from *Boston*, and the Vessels in Company with him were all safe arrived but Cap. *Hunt*, who seeing Cap *Flint* engaged with 2 *French* Privateers to the Windward of the Island, made the best of his way, and was taken by a 3d between him and the Island, Cap *Flint* with the other Ships got clear of the 2 Privateers, his Brother lost one Arm in the Engagement: As *Flint* went from *Boston*, he met with a Clap of Thunder & Lightning that shattered his Main Mast, and kill'd one of his men.

*Boston*, Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford* is returned from her Cruise.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Harris* and *Petty* from *Connecticut*, *Jackson* and *Parsons* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Hilton* and *Heath* for *Piscataqua*, *Lathrop* and *Diamond* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *Moses Abbot* from *North Carolina*, *Eleazar Johnson*, and *Michael Wormstill* from *Barbadoes*, *James Updick* from *Antigua* and *William Beans* from *Fyall*. Cleared Outwards, *John Builer* for *Lisbon*, and *Ebenezer Hathorne* for *Newfoundland*. Outward bound,

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*John Secum for Antigua, Azor Gale, James Berry, William Weir, and Tobias Green for Barbadoes, Bryan Smith for Lisbon, Ebenezar Chamberlin for Virginia, Benjamin Parsons and Henry Lowder for London, Benjamin Parsons junior, for Topsham.*

**Advertisements**

**A** Debenture Bill being found, (granted by Capt. John Lane, and Mr. Pelatiah Whitmore Commissary, to Daniel Gilbert for Nine Pound due for Service, whereof 11. 13s. & 2d. is taken up in Stores, and remaining due 71. 6s. 10d.) The Person that lost said Bill may have it again, paying Salvage: Enquire at the Post-Office.

**A** Small Guinea Dear's Foot being found; The Person that Lost it, giving the true marks, may have it again, paying Salvage: Enquire at the Post-Office.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

**A. E.**

**Number. 76.**

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**NY**

**[S**LIGHTLY less than one half of this issue of two pages is devoted to foreign news, including accounts of the visit of the body of Cambridge University to the queen, and affairs in Hungary and Poland. The domestic news includes a proclamation by Governour Dudley for a Public Thanksgiving.]

*Port-Royal in Jamaica, Aug. 22.* Capt. Ingles a Guinea Merchant-man of 14 Guns and 20 men arrived here about 20 days ago, who met with a Privateer Sloop off of *Port-Morant* of 6 Guns, & full of men, who boarded him 3 times, casting down Fire-works and Stink Pots amongst the Negroes between Decks, burning and disordering them much: The Captain and his men betaking themselves to close Quarters, fired briskly and so successfully upon the Privateer, that he left 9 of his men dead on the Deck, & concludes he kill'd them 50 men by what he see them fling Overboard.

On the 18th Currant, There was a great Storm of Wind & Rain at N. and rounded to S. S. E & blew very hard, striping the Houses, and blowing the water over the Point, so that Boats might have floated: It forced some Vessels Ashoar, whereof a Bark from *New-York*, one *Pasco* Master is one forced to Unload. Many in Town removed their Goods into Upper-Chambers. It damnified a great quantity of Sugar.

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New-York Sept. 24. On the 18th. Instant Arrived here a small Prize Sloop taken by Capt. Penniston, loaden with Wine and Brandy; She was taken upon the Coast of New-Spain.

On the 19th Instant, about 10 at night, some of the Privateers begun a Riot before the Sheriffs House of this City, assaulted the Sheriff at his door without any provocation, & beat and wounded several persons that came to his assistance, & in a few minutes the Privateers tumultuously met together in great numbers, upon which Forces were sent out of the Fort to suppress them, and the Sheriff, Officers and some men belonging to Her Majesties Ships made a Body to do the same, but before these Forces could meet with them, the Privateers unhappily met Lieut. *Wharton Featherstone-Hough*, and Ensign *Alcock*, (two Gentlemen of the Hon. Col. *Livesay*'s Regiment that came in the *Jamaica* Fleet, who were peaceably going home to their Lodgings) and barbarously murdered the first, and grievously wounded the latter, in several places in the head, and bruised his Body; & after they had knock'd him down several times, and got his Sword, some of them run Lieut. *Featherstone-Hough* in at the left side thro' his heart (as is supposed with Ensign *Alcock*'s Sword) of which wound he immediately dyed. Just as the Fact was done, the Privateers were attacked by the Sheriff, Officers and Seamen of Her Majesties Ships, and some of the Town, & in a short time were obliged to fly; several of both sides were wounded, some of the Privateers were then taken Prisoners, and several since, who are committed, & do believe will suffer according to Law; the Soldiers killed one of the Privateers that was flying from them. One *Erasmus Wilkins* was apprehended on Saturday last, & Committed, and by the Evidence 'tis believed he is the man that murdered Lieut. *Featherstone-Hough*; it would be too tedious to relate the particulars, but their insolence is beyond expression; this Riot was chiefly acted by the Privateers belonging to the Brigantene *Dragon*, Capt. *Gincks*, Commander.

One the 21st. Arrived here Capt. Penniston in his Ship (which in our last we supposed to be one of the *Jamaica* Fleet) he lost his Masts in the Storm, and put into Carolina; his best Prize is yet missing, which is a New Sloop well found, and has on board one hundred & six quarter Casks of French Brandy, Linnens, and other Goods; he hopes she'll be here in a few days, he lost her in the Storm.

We hear this Morning that Capt. *Penniston*'s Prize is Arrived at *New Castle* disabled by the Storm, and is there fitting to proceed hither.

Capt. *Renier Tongrelou* and others have bought the *Cole* and *Been Gally*, a Ship upwards of 200 Tons, and 18 Guns, and is now fitting of

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her for a Privateer, and intends to carry 160 Men. Capt. *Penniston* is also about to fit his Ship, and designs out with her in Consort, they will Sail before Winter.

Boston, Letters from Barbadoes of the 8th of August, [foreign news.]

On Thursday the 27th. Currant arrived here Zachariah Alden in a Sloop from Virginia, 14 days passage, by whom we are advised, That just as they left Virginia, there was a Ship arrived from Lisbone that had a quick passage,

By HIS EXCELLENCY JOSEPH DUDLEY Esqr. Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in & over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England* in *America*.

A PROCLAMATION for a Publick THANKSGIVING.<sup>117</sup>

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God in his Great Goodness to preserve Her Majesties Sacred Person, and to prosper Her Arms in the Just War, wherein Her Majesty and Her Allies are Engaged for the preservation of the Liberties of Europe. Having also been Graciously pleased, in the Summer past, to restrain the Insults and Outrage of our barbarous Enemies, & to grant us great Quiet and Tranquillity; To bless the Fruits of the Earth, and to give us the hopeful prospect of a plentiful Harvest; To grant us general Health, and to Smile upon us in other our Publick Interests and Enjoyments.

Wherefore humbly Adoring the Divine Goodness, and duly considering that such great and publick Blessings do call for Publick and Solemn Acknowledgements.

I Have thought fit, by the Advice of Her Majesties Council, & at the Desire of the Representatives in their late Session, hereby to Order and Appoint, That a General THANKSGIVING to Almighty God, for these His Mercies be Observed throughout this Province, within the several Towns and Districts thereof, on Thursday the Eighteenth Day of October next: And do strictly forbid all Servile Labour thereupon; Exhorting both Ministers and People to Solemnize the said Day after a Religious manner, and to offer up sincere and hearty Praises to GOD.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Boston* the 20th Day of *September*, 1705. In the Fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GOD of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of the Gover-

nour and Council,

Isaac Addington, Secr.

J. DUDLEY

GOD Save the QUEEN.

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<sup>117</sup> Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 520.

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The Province Galley Capt. *Southack* Commander is returned from her Cruise.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Loring*, *Lothrop*, *Webber*, *Hall* and *Elwell* from *Connecticut*, and *Allen* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Smallage* and *Walter* for *Rhode-Island*, and *Jackson* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, *Daniel Noyes*, *John Ventiman*, and *John Pullen* from *Jamaica*, *Zachariah Alden* from *Virginia*, *Nathaniel Gardner* from *Jersey*, *William Carkett* from *St. George*, *John Alder* from *Angvilla*, and *Thomas Lanyon* from *Coratuck*. Cleared Outwards, *Moses Wadland* for *Madera*. Outward bound, *Tobias Green* for *Barbadoes*, and *John Bennet* for *London*.

Advertisements.

A House and Land in the High Fore-Street at the Sign of the *Buck*, in the South-End of Boston, now in the Occupation of Mr. Jacob Melyen, to be Sold; Inquire of Capt. Nathanael Williams, or Mr. James Mears, both of said Town, and know further.

✓ A Negro woman to be sold by John Campbell Post-master, and to be seen at his House next door to the Anchor Tavern in Boston.

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[IMPORTANT foreign news, including an account of the visit of the queen to Cambridge and her entertainment there, particulars of the successes of the duke of Vendosme in Lombardy, and reports from Dresden, Liege and elsewhere, fill three of the four columns of this issue.]

✓ *Plimouth, Septemb.* 28. On the 19th Instant, the Quarter Sessions of the Peace was held here, where Complaint was made of a certain person belonging to *Middlebury*; who brought some Tarr to be Sold, some whereof was mingl'd with dirt; for which he was Sentenced to be severely Whipt, which was accordingly executed; and is here only Inserted to be a caveat to others, of doing the like, least a worse thing befal them.

✓ *New-York, Octob.* 1. On the 24th of the last Month arrived here a Sloop from *Jamaica*, *Joseph Smith* Master, in five weeks, by whom we are informed, that the Storm which the *Jamaica* Fleet met with,

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has been very violent there, and that the Sea Overflowed part of *Port-Royal*, & has done but little damage. A Bark belonging to this Port, *Simon Pasco* Master, ready to Sail, was lost in the Storm, and no other. Admiral *Whetstone* with 4 Men of War, went to Sea, and a few days after, they had the Storm, wherein most of them lost their Masts, one of them was not returned; the Storm there was on the 20th of *August*. Two Briganteens and a small Ship Sailed for *Boston* three dayes before this Sloop.

Vessels Outward Bound are, *Tupper* for *Barbadoes*, *Adolph* for *Boston*, *Sleigh* for *Curacoa*, *Van-Bael* for *Suranam*, *Cebra* for *Jamaica*, and *Saunders* and *Keersteed* for *London*.

*Rhode-Island*, Octob 5. On Sunday last arrived here one *Benjamin Church*, who Sailed hence Master of a small Sloop bound for *Antigua*, the 8th of *August* last, and on the 18th, in the Lat. of 34. met with the same Storm that the *Jamaica* Fleet met with on said day, which overset the Sloop, and the people kept on the Bowsprit from Saturday till Monday when the Sloop righted, but lost her Mast, and through their Industry they freed her, the Wind hanging Easterly, they drove ashore on *Cape May*, and so saved all their Lives.

*Boston*, Cap *Southack* in the Province-Galley is gone out again on his Cruise.

Coasters Entered Outwards, *Smith* and *Loring* for *Connecticut*, and *Dutch* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, *John Porter* from *Angvilla*. Cleared Outwards, *Francis Plaistead* for *Madera*, and *Thomas Freeman* for *Barbadoes*; Outward Bound, *Thomas Thatcher*, *Eleazar Johnson*, and *John Pullen* for *Barbadoes*, *Charles Renouf* for *Nevis*, *John Pitts* for *Madera*, and *David Northy* for *Virginia*.

### Advertisements.

**T**O be Sold by Mr. William Clarke, Merchant, at his Warehouse near the Swinging-Bridge upon the Dock in *Boston*, a parcel of the best *Jamaica* Sole-Leather at a moderate Price, either by Wholesale or Retale.

**A** Negro Man Slave to be Sold by Captain *Gilbert Bant*, and to be seen at his House near the Mill-Bridge in *Boston*.

**T**here is now Published an Almanack for 1706 by N. W.<sup>118</sup> with a short answer to some Reflections cast on him last year by the then Almanack-makers; With a table of the Weight of small Money, very useful at this time. Sold by *B. Green* at the Printing-house at the South-end of *Boston*, and *R. Phillips* Bookseller at *Charlestown*.

**R**An away from his Master, *Samuel Niles*, of *Kingston*, in *Narraganset*; an Indian Man Servant, aged about 26 Years, he is a

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short and indifferent thick fellow, with a broad flatt Nose, he has had the Small Pox: He has on a grayish Coat, a Castor Hat, Russet coloured Stockings, and old Shoes: Whosoever shall take up said Indian, and bring or convey him safe to his said Master, or secure him and send notice of him, shall be well Satisfied for his pains.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18; sale of a negro woman slave, as in October 1.]

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[IN the first column of the first page of this issue is the address of Queen Anne "to the inferior clergy in the neighborhood of New-market" in the preceding April. There follow, from the Antwerp Gazette of April 12 and the Paris Gazette of May 9, accounts of the seige of Gibraltar by the land and naval forces of the allies. From Turin, Vienna and other capitals are reports of military affairs. The domestic news is slight in quantity and importance, being confined to half a column of space.]

*Nevis, Aug. 26* My last of the 1st Currant, Advised of what the last Packet brought from *England*; especially of the Signal Victory obtained by his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* over the *French* near *Saar*; since which we have had no Packet; but is now dayly expected.

Her Majesties Ship the *Gray Hound*, appointed the Guard of our Island, has taken a Prize off of *Guardiloop*, value at least 5000*l.* Our Fleet for *England* will Sail in about 14 days.

*Philadelphia, Octob. 4.* Ebenezar Coffin arrived here on Saturday last from *New-England*.

*New-York, Octob. 8* On the 6th Instant arrived here a Sloop from *Carolina*, one *Sanford* Master.

Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstoffe* is not yet returned from *Virginia*.

Her Majesties Ships of War the *Nonsuch*, the *Maremaid*, and *Deal-Castle* with the *Jamaica* Fleet under their Convoy, designs to Sail from hence for *England* the 10th of *November* next.

*Boston*, Capt. *Huntington* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey*, and Commadore of the *Jamaica* Fleet (having received Letters from *New-York*, that Her Majesties Ships of War, and the other part of the *Jamaica* Fleet designs to Sail from *New York* to

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*England the 10th of November next:) Wind and Weather permitting the said Commodore intends to Sail from hence with the other part of said Fleet, and what other Ships will be ready to Sail under his Convoy, the 5th or 6th of said Month, & to joyn those from New-York in the Lat. of 40 or Fyall.*

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Allen, Mitchel and Curtice* from *Connecticut, Dounien* from *Rhode-Island, Gidding and Allen* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Harris* for *New-London*, and *Parker* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, *Jeremiah Tay* from *Maryland, John Welsh* from *Nevis, William Cleaves* from *Lisbon*, and *John Webster* from *North Carolina*. Cleared Outwards, *John Thomas* for *Fyall*. Outward Bound, *Daniel Noyes* for *Madera, John Ventiman* for *Jamaica*, and *William Burrough's* for *Virginia*.

### Advertisements.

**T**here is now Published Mr. Clough's Almanack for 1706.<sup>119</sup> To which is added the difference between Troy and Averdupoize Weights, as also an Account of the Jewish Coins, Weights and Measures mentioned in Scripture, and reduced to our English Standards, which may be of great use for the better understanding many places in the Bible. Sold by Benj. Eliot under the West end of the Town House, and Nich. Boone near School house lane, Boston.

**A** Convenient Dwelling House and Shop with other Accomodations next door to the Anchor Tavern in Boston, to be Lett, Enquire of John Campbell

[Reprinted: a negro woman to be sold, as in October 8; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** October 15. to **Monday** October 22, 1705.

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**[F**ROM Ratisbon, Stockholm, Geneva, Paris, Hamburgh, Hague and elsewhere are items of foreign news filling the first page of this issue. On the second page are two columns of domestic news, including one advertisement. Under the Boston date the announcement is made of the establishment, by her majesty the queen, of mail packets between England and "Her Plantation-Islands in America."]

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119 Kalendarium Nov-Anglicanum, or an Almanack For . . . 1706, by Samuel Clough.

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Jamaica on Long-Island, Octob. 11 On Fryday the 5th Currant Dyed here the Reverend Mr. John Hubbard, Pastor of a Church in this place. Aged 28 years 9 months wanting 4 days, Buried the 7th.

New-York, Octob. 15. Last week returned hither Her Majesties Ship the Lowstoff, who Sailed out of the Capes of Virginia 2d Instant, in Company with the Homeward bound Fleet for England, consisting of 32 Merchant-men, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ships the King-ston and Faulkland. There are also arrived Mr. Gravenraedt from Philadelphia, and Capt. Penniston's Prize from New-Castle; her Cargo is French Brandy, Paper and dry Goods.

On Saturday last our Assembly was Prorogu'd to the first of May. And the same day His Excellency went to His Government of New-Jersey.

The Pensilvania Post not yet come in.

*New-port Rhode Island, October 19.* Last Fryday night a fire broke out in a Smith's Shop, which burnt it down, and took hold of another house adjoyning it, where one *Borne* a *Hatter* liv'd and burnt it also; the Wind blew hard at *N E.* But by the great industry of our people, the other Houses near to them were saved, otherways had prov'd fatal to the most part of our Town.

On Monday arrived here one *Chamberlin* from *Antigua* bound for *Boston*, who says that by a Vessel from *Barbadoes* to *Antigua* they had intelligence of 25 Sail of Ships lost in the Storm: besides the Countrys *Briganteen* and *Sloop* and small craft, and 300 men drowned.

On Wednesday arrived one *Godfrey* in a Sloop from *Surranam* to *Exuma* and so here, who was in the Harbour of *Providence* those days that the great Storm abovementioned was, but had none of it, the weather being very serene and Calm. He says there is none but a parcel of Women at *Providence*, that cannot get from thence.

*Piscataqua, Octob. 19* On Saturday night last arrived Capt. Tyng at *Exeter* with his Company, who Travelled a day beyond *Penacook*, from thence to *Winnepiscoag* Ponds but no discovery of the Enemy.

The same night Capt. Lane and his Company Returned from *Sabegoog* Ponds, which lies about 50 miles *W. N. W.* from *Casko*, but made no other discovery than a few deserted Wigwaams: This Pond is 20 miles long, and about 7 miles wide, very remarkable for Fishing, where our men were refresh'd with variety of Fish, especially Salmon Trout, some whereof 2 foot long. In their Return they saw 2 Indians at *Black-Point*, but being at a distance and they near a Swamp, made their escape; one thing remarkable is, That in their march they did not discover any wild creature excepting a Squirrel

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or the like, by which means the Enemy cannot get any manner of Sustenance in the woods near to us, which we hope will starve them.

This week arrived Mr Pepperil from Madera, who had about five weeks passage.

*Boston*, By His Excellency's Direction, Capt. *Tyng* with about 50 men marched from *Dunstable*, and Capt *Lane* with upwards of 60 men from *York*, to Search the Woods if could discover any of the Enemy.

Capt. *Southack* in the *Province-Galley* is returned from his Cruise, and gone out again.

On *Wednesday* next, being the 24th Currant, Sits the General Assembly of this Province, unto which day they stand Prorogu'd.

Last night arrived 2 or 3 Vessels from Barbadoes at Nantasket, who had about a months passage, there came out in Company 16 Sail for this place; no Letters are yet come up, so cannot tell what News.

Coasters Entered Outwards, *John Lathrop* for *Connecticut*, *Richard Hall* for *New York*, *Peter Coffin*, and *Nathaniel Gardner* for *Nantucket*. Foreign Inwards, *Joseph Dean* in the *Dragon* form *Suranam*.

Outward Bound,

*James Bodwin* in the *Seafloor*, for *Antigua*.

*Thomas Hunt* in the *Panher*, for *Barbadoes*.

*John Welch* in the *Larke*, Ditto.

*John Price* in the *Austin's Galley*, Ditto.

*Thomas Gilbert* in the *Good will*, for *Fyall*.

*John Rayner* in the *Freek*, for *Madera*.

*Thomas Andrews* in the *Good-will*, for *Suranam*.

*Joseph Dean* in the *Dragon*, for *Suranam*.

*John Secum* in the *Adventure*, for *Curacao*.

These are to give notice, That Her Majesty in regard to the great Expence She is at in maintaining the Correspondence by Letters between England and Her Plantation-Islands in America, and for the further improvement and benefit of Trade; Hath Settled Packet-Boats for the West-Indies, who are to go from *Plimouth* at the beginning of every Month throughout the Year, no accident preventing the same; who are to touch and stay at each of the English Island-Plantations in the following manner: Viz.

		Days & Nights.	hours
<i>Being arriv- ed at</i>	{ <i>Barbadoes</i> , to stay no longer than { <i>Antigua</i> , { <i>Montserat</i> , { <i>Nevis</i> , { <i>St. Christophers</i> { <i>Jamaica</i> ,	3 2 36 36 36 10	

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*And thence to Return to England, and not to be stayed on any pretence whatsoever.*

*And Her Majesty in pursuance to the Statute made in the Twelfth Year of his late Majesty, King Charles II. for Establishing a Post-Office, has Directed and Impowered Sir Robert Cotton Knight, and Sir Thomas Franckland Baronet, Her Majesty's Post-Master General of England and the Plantations, &c. to receive and take the Post of all Letters & Packets that shall be conveyed by the Post lately Established between the Post Office General in London, and the above-said Islands, according to the Rates following.*

	s. d.
<i>From England to the West-Indies each Letter not exceeding</i>	<i>And in proportion to the same Rates for every Packet of Letters.</i>
One Sheet..... 1 . 3	
Two Sheets..... 2 . 6	
<i>From the Islands to England, each Letter not exceeding</i>	<i>And in like proportion for every Packet of Letters.</i>
One Sheet..... 1 . 6	
Two Sheets..... 3 . 0	
<i>For every Packet of any kind of greater Bulk for every</i>	<i>Ounce..... 6 . 0</i>

*This is likewise to give Notice, That the Deputy Post Masters are appointed at each Island, to attend and regulate all matters concerning Letters and Packets, and to Correspond with the General Post Office in London about the same: And forasmuch as every Vessel hath performed Her Voyage in the space of 150 days,<sup>120</sup> or thereabouts. All persons Corresponding with New England, New-York, Jersey, Pensilvania, Maryland, Virginia, Carolina, and Bermuda, may have their Letters to the Respective Governments put up in Bags apart, in the method they are now sent to each Island; And the Deputy Post-Master of each Island hath Orders, where the next and most immediate conveyance is to be had, to send them to the Main of America, as hath hitherto been the practice for Conveying Letters from Barbadoes to Bermuda by Sloops, and other Embarkations, daily Trading between the said Islands and the Continent. By which means Returns may be as constantly made from the Continent to the said Post-Masters, and by them transmitted to England by the Packets in their Monthly Courses, whereunto their Orders oblige them, without any further Charge there than what is to be paid at the General Post-Office in London, (only the Inland Passage on the Main excepted) according to the above Rates.*

*These are also to give Notice, That Letters will be taken in at the*

<sup>120</sup> In a subsequent Notice this is shown to be an error, and the time changed to 100 days, "according to the first Proposition laid down by the Honourable Edward Dummer, Esqr." See under Advertisements in News-Letter No. 111 (1706) post. For the "first Proposition," see Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, Supplement, p. 802.

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*General Post-Office in London, directed for New-England, New-York, New-Jersey, Pensilvania, Maryland, Virginia, Carolina, on the Continent of America, and the Island of Bermuda, on the same Post nights as those for the Plantation-Islands, with particular directions for those for the Continent, to be forwarded by the first opportunity.*<sup>121</sup>

**Advertisements**

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

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[**O**NLY one column of this issue is occupied with foreign news. Domestic news including two advertisements fills three columns.]

*Barbadoes, September. 16. A List of Vessels drove on Shore by a Violent Storm, the 16th of August, viz.*

All these bound for <i>London</i>	<i>Richard Metcalfe</i> <i>Mackfarson</i> <i>Rabia</i> <i>Ranking... Tryon</i> <i>Davis</i> <i>Blythe</i>	<i>All great Ships</i>	All these Vessels stav'd in pieces, and are wholly Lost
For <i>Holland</i> .	A great <i>Dutch Flyboat</i> .		
Belonging to <i>Barbad.</i>	<i>Thrampton</i> in Country's <i>Brig</i> . <i>Flowers</i> in a <i>Sloop</i>		
<i>Forrister</i> in the Country's <i>Sloop</i> , uncertain if can be got off.			
All belonging to <i>Barmuda</i>	<i>William Cox.</i> <i>Abraham Dill.</i> <i>Edward Hinson</i> <i>William Joel.</i>	<i>All Slo[o]ps,</i> stav'd in pieces.	
<i>Barbadoes</i> <i>New York</i>	<i>Jacob Legay.</i> <i>Mr. Harwood.</i>	<i>Brigantiens</i> staved in pieces	
<i>London,</i> <i>Bristol,</i> <i>Boston,</i> <i>Piscataqua</i>	<i>Mr. Rankford</i> <i>Mr. Opie</i> <i>Mr. Fyfield</i> <i>Mr. Holicomb.</i> <i>Mr. Thomas.</i> <i>Mr. Graisberry.</i> <i>Mr. Penley.</i>	<i>Ships</i> <i>Briganteen.</i> <i>Sloops.</i>	All these Vessels were got off again.

<sup>121</sup> Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 564-565.

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*Barbadoes*, Mr. *Moses* in a Sloop blown away 7 or 8 days but got in again.

Besides Shallops and other Boats lost.

The Storm lasted about 16 Hours.

On the 28th of *August*, Her Majesty's Ship the *Weymouth*, Capt. *Mitchell* Commander, brought in a *French* Merchant Ship of 20 Guns, 6 Patararo's, 70 men, Laden with a considerable quantity of fine Goods, Claret and Brandy. She was met with in the Latitude 19 in Company with another Ship of 16 Guns, who left her to Engage with the *Weymouth*; the Engagement lasted 3 hours, with the loss of 14 of her men, and 4 of the *Weymouth*'s. These *French*-men lost their Convoy of 60 Guns, with 3 other Merchant-men but the night before: This Prize is said to be worth 20 Thousand Pounds.

There is arrived here from *Boston* in *New-England*, *Andrew Wilson*, who lost his Mast in the Storm, as also 3 or 4 more Vessels; and the Enemy took *Everton*, *Breed*, *Henderson*, *Shearburn* and *Moore*, who Sailed from *Boston* in Company with said *Wilson*, bound for this 'place.

Upon Capt. *Everton*'s being taken, His Excellency ordered the Advice Prize, a small Frigot, to go in pursuit of *Everton*'s Vessel. The Advice Prize conducted in *Capt. Bullard* from *Madera*, and *Leview* from *New-York* was taken by a Sloop the 13th Currant. Several Vessels from *Boston*, that came out with *Wilson* are yet missing.

We want two Packets from *England*, so that we have no News, only a Report we hear of his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*'s second Defeating the *French*, to the Enemy's loss of about 20000 men.

*New-York*, October 22d. On the 19th. Instant arrived here a Sloop from *Jamaica*, *Nathanael Vial* Master, had 38 dayes passage; he came out with several Ships bound for *England*, and says that several Vessels were to sail for *Boston* about 14 days after him.

*Erasmus Wilkins* (formerly mentioned to be committed for being in the Riot with the Privateers here) being Legally Tryed and Convicted for Murdering of Lieutenant *Wharton Featherstone-Hough* (A Gentleman of the Honourable Col. *Livesay*'s Regiment, that came in the *Jamaica* Fleet) is Sentenced to be Executed on Friday next the 26. Currant: He has Confessed that he was one of the Privateers where that Gentleman was kill'd, and that he knock'd down one Gentleman and got his Sword, and with it run another into the side, which must be the same Gentleman that was Murdered.

Vessels Outward bound are *Cebra* for *Jamaica*, *Sleigh* and *Vanbrugh* for *Curacoa*, *Perkins* for *Barbadoes*, *Hicks* for *Rhode-Island*.

Capt. *Cumby* and *Pain* Sailed this day for *Barbadoes*.

On Saturday last *Alexander Duncan* Arrived here from *Pensil-*

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*vania* in a Sloop bound for *Boston*, and Sailes from hence on Wednesday.

*Piscataqua*, Octob. 26. On Saturday the 20th Currant, about 20 *Indians* appeared at Cape *Nidduck*, and Carried away 4 Sons of *John Stover*, who were at a little distance from the Garison, several others that were out of the Garison, retired to it with all speed; on which the Enemy fired about an hour, then drew up the Children in sight of the Garison, and marched off. At *York* 4 or 5 *Indians* were also discovered. Major *Walton* with a Company of men is gone in pursuit of the Enemy.

Capt. *Browne* at *Wells* hearing of the Enemy's unhappy Enterprise in Carrying away the 4 children from 3 to 12 years of Age, went with his Company in pursuit of the Enemy with utmost Expedition; but there being 2 places over a little River lying near *Sacho*, about 2 miles distant which they usually pass, and not knowing which of the two they would take, Capt. *Browne* very prudently divided his Company into 2 parts, whereof one half went with Lieut. *James March*, who happened to discover the Enemy (without the least observation) as they were passing over a little Bridge, being within 15 rod of them; some few with the poor Captives were got over a minute or 2 before; and our men discovering several behind & on the Bridge, fir'd several Shot upon them, which being an unexpected surprisal, caus'd a most dismal Consternation among them, insomuch that some fell forwards, others backwards, and some into the River which was 10 foot deep, some throwing away their Plunder, others their Blankets & Snapsacks, till at last some few of the Enemy on the other side of the River fired at our men, killed one & wounded another: By this time Capt. *Browne* (hearing the Guns) came up to the rest of his Company, who drove the Enemy off, and pursued them; but they scattering among the Thickets, our men were made uncapable of making any further discovery of what damage we did them, but most probably several of them were slain and wounded.

On the 21st Arrived here the *Rebecka* Hagboat, *John Ja[r?]unin* Master, from *Lisbon*, five weeks passage,

*Henry Shearburn* from *Barbadoes*, and *John Kennard* from *Antigua* arrived the said Day.

*Boston*, On Tuesday the 23d Currant, Complaint being made to *Edward Bromfield* Esqr. One of Her Majesty's Council, and Justice of the Peace; of *John Rogers* & Son, of *New-London* in *Connecticut*-Colony for Profanation of the Sabbath, in Driving of Cattle through the Town of *Dedham* to *Boston* for a Market on the 21st Instant, being the Lords-Day; And opprobiously answering those who dissuaded him there-from; for which being brought before the said

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Justice, and legally Convicted, he was Sentenced according to the Direction of the Law in that case, to pay the Fine of *Twenty Shillings*: HeAppealed to the Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, but obstinately refused to give Security to prosecute his Appeal, and therefore is Committed to Prison.

It was thought meet at the Desire of several persons to Publish this as a Caveat to others, to let People know, That *Open Profanation* of the LORDS-DAY, *will not pass Unpunished*. As also, Because the man thus Fined, pretends himself to be a Sufferer for his *Conscience*, and has therefore even *courted* the Inconveniences that are come upon him. And whereas the *Quakers* have a while since endeavoured by their False Addresses at home in *England*, to misrepresent the Government of this Province, for Making and Executing *Several severe Laws, against their Friends, only for their Conscientious Dissent from the National Way, and not for any Evil Fact done by them*: The Publick may be informed what kind of *Severe Laws* those are, and what kind of *Profanity* may pass for a *Conscientious Dissent*, among those that Clamour against the country for *Persecution*, in Executing the Laws of God and man, of our Nation of *England* and this Province.<sup>122</sup>

There Arrived here on Saturday the 27th. Currant *Nathanael Balston* and *Harbert* from *Barbadoes*, *Richard Thomas* from *Antigua*, and *Joseph Bailer* from *St. Christophers*, and yesterday the 28th. *Anthony Hayward* from *Barbadoes*. *James Blin* in a Sloop from *Connecticut*, coming over *Nantucket Shoals*, is fear'd to be lost on them.

Capt. *Hunington* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey* and Commadore of the *Jamaica* Fleet, holds his resolution (Wind and Weather permitting) to Sail from hence to *England* the 5th. or 6th. of the next Month, with the Vessels under his Convoy.

Coasters Entered Inwards			From
<i>Petty, Lathrop and Bull</i>			<i>Connecticut</i>
<i>Derick Adolph, Two Brothers</i>			<i>New-York</i>
Outwards.			For
<i>Webber, Bracket and Ware</i>			<i>Piscataqua.</i>
Foreign Inwards.			From
<i>William Webber,</i>	Rose,	Briganteen	<i>Barbadoes</i>
<i>Philip Lewis</i>	Hope	Briganteen	Ditto.
<i>Samuel Ward</i>	Rose Anne,	Sloop	Ditto.
<i>Nichol. Lawrence</i>	Endeavour,	Ship.	Ditto.
<i>Rich. Fyfield</i>	Elizabeth,	Briganteen	Ditto.
<i>Thomas Bell</i>	Speedwell,	Sloop	<i>North Carolina.</i>
<i>John Penson</i>	Wil. & Mary,	Ship	<i>Virginia.</i>

122 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , with further particulars of this Quaker case.

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Cleared Outwards.		For	
<i>John Secum</i>	Adventure	Sloop	<i>Curacao.</i>
<i>John Pitts</i>	Exchange	Ketch	<i>Madera.</i>
<i>Rich. Dafforn,</i>	Fisher	Ketch	<i>Virginia.</i>
<i>Tho. Meirs</i>	Blessing	Ship	<i>Jamaica.</i>
Outward Bound,		For	
<i>Wil. Clark</i>	Endeavour	Ship	<i>Corratuck.</i>
<i>Wil Holberton,</i>	Anne	Ship	<i>Barbadoes.</i>
<i>Joseph Small</i>	SeafLOUR	Ketch	Ditto.
	Elizabeth,	Briganteen	Ditto.
<i>Wil. Dounten</i>	Joseph and Betty		<i>St. Christophers.</i>
<i>John Alder</i>	Diamond,	Briganteen	<i>Antigua.</i>

Advertisements.

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[MORE than two columns of this issue are filled with domestic news, including a proclamation by Governor Dudley for an embargo on vessels bound to Barbadoes and the Caribbean Islands. The foreign matter is from Berlin, Vienna, Frankfort, Hague, Lisbon and elsewhere, of May dates; and a letter from the Imperial Camp at Gavardo dated April 30.]

New-York, Octob. 29. On the 26th Instant, *Erasmus Wilkins* the Privateer was Executed for the Murder of Lieut. *Featherston-Hough* of the Honourable Colonel *Livesey*'s Regiment: He confess'd that he took a Sword from a Gentleman, and run it into another, which he believed was the Gentleman that was kill'd, and that he afterwards broke the Sword: He dyed penitent and like a man, & caution'd his Comrades against Drunkenness, Swearing, Whoring, and Sabbath-breaking, etc.

We are uncertain when the *Jamaica* Fleet here bound for *England* will Sail.

By His Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* in *New-England*, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION,

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For an Embargo on Ships and Vessels bound to *Barbadoes*, and the Careeby Leeward Islands.

Whereas *Her Majesties Ship Deptford, Captain Charles Stucley Commander, is fitting and making ready speedily to Sail to Barbadoes, and from thence to proceed to Salt-Terrudos, to Guard the Ships designed thither to lade Salt for carrying on the Fishery.*

*I have therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to order an Embargo upon all Ships and Vessels Outward Bound for Barbadoes, or any of the Careeby Leeward Islands; And that none be permitted to sail thither without my special Licence; until Her Majesties said Ship Deptford be made ready, and then to attend her and take the benefit of a good Convoy.*

*And all Officers of the Custom's, Naval and Import Officers, and Commanders of Castles and Forts within this Province, are hereby Commanded to take notice of this Proclamation, and Conform themselves accordingly.*

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, upon *Wednesday* the 30th of *October*, 1705. In the Fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GOD, of *England, Scotland France and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, etc.*

By Order of His Excellency

the Gouvernour, with Advice  
of the Council,

*Isaac Addington, Secr.*

*J. Dudley*

GOD Save the QUEEN

*Boston, On Monday the 22d. of October, early in the morning, Mr. Honewell in the Sloop *Olive-Branch* from *Augvilla* about 6 weeks passage, having little Wind at S. S. E. standing afore it for *Brewsters*, being within three Leagues of it, on a sudden a flaw at N. N. W. came down upon him, which tore his Main Sail all fitters, broke his Sternn in 3 pieces, and having no Sail, they lay to the mercy of the Sea and Winds, which drove them out of the Bay within 8 Leagues of *Casko*, Where he & his men were taken on Board of Mr. *John Sharpe's* Vessel from *Barbadoes*, and now brought in here; *Honewell*, and especially his men being overcome with Tugging so long at the Pump, were almost past any hopes of escaping being lost, when Providence so ordered it that Mr. *Sharp* came to their relief: The Sloop was seen sinking in a little time after they were taken out.*

Last week came here from *New-York*, one Mr. *Henry Burch* a Quaker, Aged about 21 years, the only Son of Mr. *John Burch* of *St. Martins-Lane, London*, formerly a Minister of the Church of *England*, but now a Quaker & a Preacher; this *Henry* was bound an apprentice about 9 years ago to one Mr. *Henry Burch of London*, his Uncle,

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a Doctor of Physick; and going in a Ship, whereof Capt. *Marcy* was Commander, from *England* to *Barbadoes* the last War with his said Uncle, they were taken by a *French* Privateer near *Barbadoes*, and one of the Privateers took a dagger and run thorow the young Lads Cheek and Jawbone, and struck out two of his Teeth, cut his Left hand thorow 3 fingers, the prints whereof are still to be seen, his Uncle took no care to Cure him: but he being young soon learn'd the *French* Tongue, and they Cur'd him; the Privateer carried them first to *Calice* in *France*, his Uncle was sent to *Amsterdam*, and when his Nephew was Cured, he was sent after him; where he met him; and a *Sweedish* Ship coming in with *French* Prisoners to release the Swedes, there not being *French* enough, took his Uncle & him and carried them back to *Calice*, from whence they went to *Sweedland*; & one Capt. *Philips* being bound from thence in a Ship for *Virginia*, they imboarded on board him, and in the year 1700 they arrived, and going up *Myles*'s River in the County of *Chester*, his Uncle sold him a Servant unto one *Richard Skinner* a Planter for 6 years, & gives him a large Sum of Money to murder him when he was gone. His Uncle took an Indenture, and put a clean Sheet of Paper over it, and made his Nephew sign it at the bottom, not knowing there was an Indenture beneath it.

And as soon as his cruel Uncle was gone, his Master *Richard Skinner* sent him out to the *Hooe*, where he continued 3 years, along with his Negro's and Indian Overseers, at length this Young man wrote to Mr *Samuel Carpenter*, and other Quakers of *Philadelphia*, and acquainted them of his Circumstances and the whole Tragedy, who came forthwith to *Virginia* and bought his time & brought him to *Philadelphia* last year, and wrote home to his Father in *London* the whole matter of Fact, who sent over Money largely to recompence and pay them for what they had done; who ordered his Son to return home.

And the said *Henry Burch* Imbarking on board the Ship *Batchellour Endeavour* in & of *Philadelphia* in *June* last, Cap. *Dykes* Commander, bound for *London*, meeting with the *Jamaica* Fleet bound home for *England* about the latter end of *July*, they joined said Fleet in order to keep them Company; but meeting with the great Storm on the 18th of *August* last, which foundered several of said Fleet: The Ship wherein he was sunk under them, wherein were lost 35 persons, but the Quarter Deck was broke from the Ship ere she sunk; upon which this *Henry Burch*, 2 Seamen, *Henry Taylor* and *Jacob Grackson*, & *Hannah Hancock* (and a Child in her arms which was drowned) got upon and were taken up by the Ship *Sweet William*, one of the Fleet, & carried into *New-York*, from whence the said *Burch* came hither, who now intends by the way of *Barbadoes* to *England*, hoping to meet his Father there.

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This *Henry Burch*'s Uncle when went to *London*, put himself into Mourning for his Nephew, & told his Parents that he dyed of the Bloody Flux in *Virginia*. This young man had a Rich Grand-mother, to whom he was to be Heir, & failing of him, his Uncle was to enjoy the said Estate: And after the Uncle and Nephew left *England*, the old Gentlewoman dyed, and by Will bequeathed 30001 to her Grand son *Henry Burch*, and in case of his Death, to his Uncle *Henry Burch*; for Lucre of which, his Uncle contrived his Nephew's ruin; And hitherto Providence has disappointed him.

This whole information was taken from Mr. *Henry Burch*'s own mouth.<sup>123</sup> ✓

Capt. Southack<sup>124</sup> in the Province Galley is returned from his Cruise.

Captain *Huntington* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey*, and Commandore of the *Jamaica* Fleet, receiving Letters from *New-York*, that the other part of said Fleet there, not being ready to Sail the 10th Currant as was intended. The said Commandore, Wind and Weather permitting, designs to Sail from hence on the 15th Currant, with what Vessels will be ready under his Convoy.

	Coasters Entered Outwards	For
<i>Joseph, Allen and Thomas Curtice</i>	Foreign Inwards	<i>Connecticut</i>
<i>Solomon Gardner</i>	Sloop <i>Mary</i>	<i>St. Christophers</i>
<i>William Herbert</i>	Ketch <i>Good Hope</i>	<i>Barbadoes</i>
<i>Nathaniel Balston</i>	Ship <i>Elizabeth</i>	Ditto
<i>John Sharp.</i>	Sloop <i>Four Friends</i>	Ditto
<i>Anthony Haywood</i>	Ship <i>Eagle</i>	Ditto
<i>Nathaniel Jarvies</i>	John & Abiel	Ditto
<i>Richard Thomas</i>	Porto Merchant	<i>Antigua</i>
<i>John Waters</i>	Ship <i>Blessing</i>	Ditto
<i>John Hoddy</i>	Briganteen <i>Adventure</i>	Ditto
<i>Robert Starkey</i>	Briganteen <i>Endeavour</i>	Corratuck
	Foreign Cleared Outwards	For
<i>Matthew Armstrong</i>	Sloop <i>Swallow</i>	<i>Virginia</i>
<i>David Northy</i>	Speedwell <i>Friend</i>	Ditto
<i>Charles Renouse</i>	Ketch <i>Adventure</i>	<i>St. Christophers</i>
<i>Matthew Soley</i>	Sloop <i>Rebeckah</i>	<i>Jamaica</i>
<i>John Hobbs</i>	Ketch <i>Lamb</i>	<i>New-York</i>
<i>Benjamin Parsons</i>	Ship <i>Providence</i>	<i>London</i>
<i>Benjamin Parsons jun.</i>	Brigant. <i>Success</i>	Ditto
<i>Benjamin Stone</i>	Ship <i>Golden Fleece</i>	Ditto

123 See News-Letter Nos. 82, 83 and 84, post for sequel to this Munchausen tale received from the hero's "own mouth."

124 Captain Cyprian Southack, late maker of charts, notably chart of The Coast of New England from Staten Island to the Island of Breton.

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	Outward Bound	For
<i>Isac Harvey</i>	<i>Ship Anne</i>	<i>Virginia</i>
<i>William Cloves</i>	<i>William &amp; Mary</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>John Welsh</i>	<i>Hannah &amp; Elizabeth</i>	<i>Barbadoes</i>
<i>John Aken</i>	<i>Sloop Hawk</i>	<i>St. Christophers</i>

**Advertisement**

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

**N. E.**

**Numb. 82.**

# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** November 5. to **Monday** November 12. 1705.

**NY—AS (m)**

[A LITTLE more than a column on the first page of this issue is filled with foreign news, principally an account of the death of the Austrian emperor, and a list of members-elect of Parliament. Features of the domestic news are: the story of the conviction of Thomas Odell, the counterfeiter; a proclamation for the apprehension of deserters, and "further Continuation of a Remarkable Relation" begun in the previous issue.]

*New-York, Nov 5.* It is said Her Majesties Ships of War with the Fleet under their Convoy will Sail from hence for *England* the 15th Currant.

Vessels Outward Bound are *Basset* and *Dehart* for *Madera*, *Perkins* for *Barbados*, *Viall* for *Jamaica*, and a Sloop for *St. Thomas*.

*Boston*, In our Numb. 17. You'll find a Proclamation of the 8th of *August*, 1704 Emitted by His Excellency, for Apprehending of one *Thomas Odell* a chief Contriver and Actor in Counterfeiting of the Twenty Shilling Bill of Credit on this Province, and uttering of the same.

Which said *Odell* was apprehended in *Pensilvania*, and sent thence to *New-York*, in order to be sent hither, as [in] Numb. 57. And in Numb 59. You'll find him brought from *New-York* to *Rhode-Island*, where he made his escape.

And in Numb. 60, 61 You'll find him caught again at *Rhode-Island*, and brought from thence hither, where he remained in Prison till now.

That on Tuesday the 6th Currant, there was held here the Superior Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery; where the said *Odell* was Arraigned for Uttering Counterfeit Bills of Credit on this Province, and was ordered by said Court to pay a Fine of 300 l. a years Imprisonment, to pay the Charge of Prosecution, and stand Committed till the Sentence be performed.<sup>125</sup>

<sup>125</sup> See News-Letter Nos. 15, 17 (1704), 57, 59, 60, 61 *ante*. Also Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 431-432, 708-710.

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On Thursday the 8th Currant, *Thomas Boylston* a Child of 5 years old was Crushed to Death at *Muddy River* in a Cyder *Mill* between the Sweep and a Post of the House, as the Horse went round.

By the Governour and Council.

**W**Hereas the Souldiers Impressed and sent down to the Service of this Province at Her Majesties Castle William, have several of them lately deserted the Service there contrary to Law.

These are to Certify all Her Majesty's Good Subjects of this Province and *New-Hampshire*, that whosoever, Officer or other Inhabitant that shall apprehend and return such Deserters to Justice, shall be at all times paid their just Charges therein out of the wages of such Souldier so restored to the Service or Justice according to Law, to be Assigned by the Governour, out of their next Muster-Roll, wherein such Deserters names are, and payment accordingly.

*Isaac Addington Secr.*

A further Continuation of a *Remarkable Relation*, begun in the Last News Letter.

**T**HE Reader knows, That in some of our *News-Letters*, for want of Room, we have *broke off in the middle of a Matter*. In our Last we gave you a very punctual Relation, of a matter that appear'd very remarkable, concerning one *Henry Burch*, a Quaker; who was well pleased to have his own Story Published. According to Good Manners, we have let him tell his Story first. We will take leave now to tell ours: For plainly, the most Remarkable part of it, is yet behind.

It may be some will not count it remarkable, that there should be Bad people among the *Quakers*, as well as among the People of other Professions, who do not pretend unto their *Spirit* of discerning: But *I tell ye Friends* nay pritty *Remarkable*, That a Blade should be so desirous to have such a formal Story Printed about himself, and yet that in less than 2 days time, he should be detected for an horrid *CHEAT*, and it be palpably found, that probably; *There is not one word of Truth in all the Story*.

Did ye ever hear of such a piece of Impudence! The *former part of our Account* came out on Monday, but before Tuesday-night he was march'd off, or in other terms *Step'd aside*. Only the ungrateful Varlet, had first exercised a *faculty* of his (which ye shall presently hear of) on the Money and other purloinables, of such Friends as had civilly Entertained him. His very *Shirt* (being Stolen, you must note) had the Courage to take a *Thief by the Throat*. It is well, that the Charitable Gentlemen, who treat all Strangers with the Civilities at their Houses, were no more spunged upon: But some of them, at

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the first interview, found him in such inconsistancies, that they could not tell, what in the world to make of him.

It now Remains, that we *go on with our Story*; And do our Spark, the Honour of an *Hue and Cry*. He has, as we told ye a wound in his *Cheek* (near his upper Lip) But certainly it was not a *French Privateer* (as he said with a three squar'd Dagger) that gave it him. It was probably an Officer call'd, *Un Boureau*, in plain English, *An Hangman*. A *Remarkable Person Truly!* One marked with a *Brand* in the *Cheek*.

He has, as we also told ye, three fingers cut a thwart his Left Hand, ever since which, they have been *so light*, that they Steal all that comes in their way. Wherefore, if ye happen to *shake hands* with such a Fellow, pray hold him fast, and bring him before Authority.

Possibly, he has changed his *Outward Name*. But he is fled with a *New*, (not *True*) *Blue Cloak*, lined with a *Knave*. His *Under Garments* were of the well-known *Quaker Cut*.

He is a Fellow of *Little Stature*, tho' of great Roguery, and of a *Young Aspect*, But in a fair way never to be *Old*.

To oblige, the Undertaker of this Print, to Correct a certain gross mistake about his Uncle in his Published Story; whereof he was presently convicted, he offered a *Gold Ring* which (it since appears) he had Stolen from a Quaker *Gold-Smith*, with whom he Lodged. *If any man or person, in Town or Country, will take up this Imposter, and bring him in, he shall be Rewarded, either with that Ring, if my Goldsmith pleases, or with the value of it, and a better Reward besides.*

And now, I hope, this is become such an useful Story, That the Gentlemen, my Subscribers, will not complaint either of the *Introduction* to it in our former, or of the *procedure* of it, in our present, *News-Letter*. Our *News Letter* also, will, I hope sufficiently preserve its Reputation, if any Paragraph of it, not setting a thing in all its *true light*, shall in one weeks time supply all that is defective, and perhaps there are few Readers, but what have themselves now & then told a Story that needed a further *Elucidation*.

And whereas, our *Will-with-a-Wisp* (as I am told) should this week have *Held forth*, among his abused Friends, I think, I must now so far do it for him, as to say:

"*Plainly Friends*, our *Harry Burch* is a sad Fellow, and if he should 'assay to lye hid among any of ye, I make no doubt, ye will bring 'him out, that he may undergo the desperate thing which some call '*Condign Punishment*, tho' others call it *Persecution*:

Only, that he may have his *Name* a little stick to him (and because he told us, you know, that he had been at *Amsterdam!*) we will Humbly move, that if the Authority see meet, it may be *Laid on* after the *Dutch-fashion*; that is with good *Burchen Rods*, Tho' such dealing

may be too easy for such a *Skellum* to meet withal.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Carteret Gillam* from *Connecticut* and *John Jackson* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Amaseen*, *Lyford & Jackson* for *Piscataqua*, and *Lothrop* for *Nantucket*. Foreign Inwards from *Corratuck*, *Samuel Edwards* in the Briganteen *William & Mary*. *St. Christophers*, *Fortune Redduck*, *St. Christophers* Sloop. *Monserrat Francis Norris Seaflower* Sloop. *Pensylvania Alexander Duncan* Sloop *Friendship*. *Virginia Thomas Pope* Sloop *Endeavour*. Cleared Outwards for *Madera*, *John Rainer* in Ketch *Freek*, *Daniel Noyes* Briganteen *Hannover*, *Surranam*, *Richard Hengeson* sloop *Seaflower*, *Roanock*, *William Clark* Sloop *Endeavour*, *Virginia*, *William Cleeves* Ship *William & Mary*, and *Isaac Harvey* Ship *Ann*. Outward bound for *Barbadoes*, *John Ely* Briganteen *Dove*, *James Bridgham* Ship *Hampton*, *John Raynsford* Frigat *Dwaal*. *Virginia*, *Moses Abbot*, *John & Mary*, *Madera*, *Noah G[re?]ville* Sloop *Adventure*.

Captains, *Gillam* and *Mason* are arrived from *England* at *Cape Anne*, and said to have seven Weeks passage from *Plimouth*.

#### Advertisements.

A Gentleman wants to Borrow a Hundred Pounds upon Good Security, Or for Bills of Exchange in *England*: Whoever has said Money to Lend, Inquire of *John Campbell* Post-Master and know further.

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R. E.

Numb. 83.

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[At the head of the first column of the first page is the line, "*The Advice we have from England by Prints are;*" then are nearly two and a half columns of domestic news followed by this editorial line; "*All of which we shall enlarge upon in our succeeding Prints.*" Domestic news fills one and a half columns.]

New-York, Nov. 12. On the 7th arrived here a Briganteen from *Bermuda*, one *Joyner*, Master, says, that the last great Storm that the *Jamaica* fleet met with, has done a great deal of damage on that Island. Wessels from *Antigua*, & *Benj. Hill* from *Curacoa*, which last brought us the bad news of *Depue*, *Joline* & *Thinhoven* being taken by the French bound from hence to *Jamaica*; The French have made Privateers of their Vessels, being 2 Sloops & a Briganteen. This

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day arrived Daniel Robert from Jamaica, came from thence the 4th of October, with 2 Briganteens for Boston & a Sloop for Philadelphia.

Her Majesty's Ships of War, the Nonsuch, Maremaid and Deal Castle, with the Vessels under their Convoy Sails from hence for England the latter end of this week, or the beginning of the next.

*Marble-head, Nov 17* On the 11th Currant arrived here Capt. Bevis from *England*, who took up *Mr. Blin* (formerly mentioned No. 80 feared to be lost) in his Sloop 8 or 9 Leagues off *Cape Anne*, without Mast, Boltsprit, Rudder, Boat, Sail, Anchor or Cable, his side broke down, 3 foot & an half water in his Hold, 3 men but no bread, nor useful pump; and brought said Sloop and men in here.

*Boston*, On *Tuesday* the 13th Currant, arrived here Captains, *Benjamin Gilman*, *David Mason*, *John Corney* and *William Bevis* from *England*, who left *Plimouth* the 22d of *September*, in Company of a Fleet of about 25 Sail, under Convoy of 4 Men of War, *viz.* The *Experiment* Galley, Capt. *Pudner* Commander, and a Fireship bound for *Jamaica*; with other Vessels whom they parted with about 10 days after they left *Plimouth*; The *Triton* Prize, Capt. *Myles* Commander, bound for *New York*, who bore away with those for *Jamaica*; The *Litchfield* Prize, Capt. *Chandler* Commander, and the *Angelsey*, Capt. [blank] Commander, with 2 Store Ships and 2 Merchantmen for *Newfoundland*, who has on board them Major *Loyd* the Governor, with some Land Forces, whom they parted with 50 Leagues to the Westward of *Fyall*, in the Lat. of 35. Capt. *Gillam* sprung his Main Mast in the Voyage. Capt. *John Wild* for *Boston*, and Capt. *Jeffries* for *New-York* were in the *Downs* when these left *England*, waiting to come out with the *Virginia* Fleet and Convoy: When these above left *Plimouth*, it was said, that part of the Home-ward bound *Virginia* Fleet were arrived in *Kingsale* in *Ireland*.

On *Thursday* the 15th Currant, *John Price* Mariner, belonging to *Benjamin Stone*, bound for *London*, not being willing to proceed the Voyage, went to the Carpenter's Block, and with his Ax cut off his own Left hand, and is now under Cure.

Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey* Capt. *Huntington* Commander, and Commodore of the *Jamaica* Home-ward bound Fleet, with Vessels under his Convoy, bound for *England* have been Wind-bound at *Nantasket* three days, and Sailed from thence the 18th Currant, the Wind at N. W.

Our Number 81. Gave you an Account of a formal Story given us by one *Henry Burch* a Quaker: and our Number 82 gave you a further Relation of said *Burch*, to which we shall still refer you, only here add, That from *N York* we are well informed, That what we told of his escaping drowning is a Fals-hood, for he was there ere the

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Jamaica Fleet Arrived, and is a Runaway from his Master of *Philadelphia* or *Burlington*, who was apprehended by his Master in order to return home, and just as they were going away he pickt his Masters Pocket of Forty Shillings, and made his escape, who never was heard of till our Print discovered him; and therefore we hope that all good People will endeavour (where he comes) to apprehend him, in order to return him to his Master, after he has received a due Compensation for his Gratuity to his Friends here.

Coasters Entered Outwards, *Drick Adolph* for *New York*, Foreign Inwards, from *London*, *Benjamin Gillman*, Ship *Reward*, *David Mason*, *William & Hannah*, *John Corney Dorothy Briganteen*, *S. Christophers*, *Thomas Porter*, *New-London*, Sloop *William Kelleyt Hopewell*. Sloop *Ruanoke John Wilkins Seaflower* Sloop *Topsham William Bevis Peace Ship Cleared Outwards for Surranam*, *Thomas Andrews* *Jamaica*, *Thomas Pemberton John & Thomas*, *Portugal*, *Bryan Smith*, *Moses Briganteen North Carolina John Forde*, *Speed-well Sloop*, Outward bound, for *Nevis*, *William Webber Rose Briganteen*. *Antigua*, *Beamsly Perkins*, *Eagle Galley*, *Nethaniel Perkins Success* *Briganteen*, *Robert Carver*, in the *Plimouth*. *Barbadoes*, *Thomas Barnes Swan* *Briganteen*. *William Skinner*, *Providence* *Briganteen*, *Nicholas Lawrence*, *Endeavour*, *Philip Lewis Hope*, *Virginia*, *Joseph Brown*, *John & Deborah*.

### Advertisement

**S**trayed from Mr. John Wilson of Brantree at Mr. Haven's in Kingston in Narraganset, about a fortnight ago, a sorrel Mare, low Stature, four white feet, a white face, shod all round, her near ear tore, has a long white tail and Main: Whoever can give any true Intelligence of her to the above-said Mr. Haven, or Mr. Billings, or the Post-Rider, so as the true Owner may have her again shall be sufficiently Rewarded.

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**N. E.**

**Rumb. 84.**

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From **Monday** November 19. to **Monday** November 26. 1705.

**AS-NY**

**[E**XCEPT one column filled with domestic news, the four pages of this issue are given principally to news of the campaign on the continent, in letters of May dates from Paris, Vienna, Hague, Frankfort, Warsaw, Turin and elsewhere. From London is the

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address of the presbyterian ministers of Ireland to the duke of Ormond.]

*New-York, Nov. 19* Capts. *Laurier & Dunscum* arrived here about 3 weeks passage from *Barbadoes*.

Her Majesties Ships of War, and Vessels under their Convoy will Sail for *England* next week.

*Boston*, On *Wednesday* the 21st Currant, Arrived at *Cape-Anne* the Gentlemen that went from hence for *Canada* the 6th of *July* last, along with Capt. *Cortemanche* the Governour of *Canada*'s Commissioner, who came hither the last Spring. They left *Canada* about 6 weeks ago, and with great difficulty, having spent their Mast, are now arrived here, and brought with them Letters for His Excellency, with the Governour of *Cannada*'s Proposals for the Exchange of Prisoners. They brought also with them 11 of our Captives.

Our Gentlemen were very civilly Treated by the Governour of *Cannada*, and say, That the Seminary at *Quebeck* was burnt a second time, about a fortnight ere they came from thence, which was burnt about 4 years before.<sup>126</sup>

Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford*, Capt. *Stuckey* Commander, with the Vessels under his Convoy, designs to Sail for *Barbadoes* and *Salt Tertuda* the 10th of *December* next.

By a Person that came lately from *Antigua* we are well assured, that Mr. *Samuel Frason*, Merchant, whom we mentioned in our Numb. 74. feared to be lost, was arrived safe at *Antigua*, from whence he went to *Barbadoes*.

Mr. *Samuel Carpenter* of *Philadelphia* (whom *Henry Burch* the Quaker in his forged Story in our Numb. 81, said, was one that bought his time in *Virginia*) acquaints us from *Philadelphia* the 15 Currant that what said *Burch* related as to his going to *Virginia* and buying his time is false. for he has not been at *Virginia* these 7 years.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Eleazar Darby* and *Jeremiah Vail* from *New-Jersey*, and *William Walter* from *Connecticut*. Outwards, *Cornelius Bennington* and *Thomas Lanyon* for *Roanoke*. Foreign Inwards, *Joseph Flint* in the *Prudent Hannah* from *Barbadoes*. Cleared Outwards, For *Jamaica*, *Thomas Hunt* Sloop *Panther*: For *Surinam*, *Joseph Dean*, Briganteen *Dragon* *Jeremiah Cushing*, Sloop *Industry*: For *Fyall*, *Thomas Gilbert*, Briganteen *Goodwill*: For *Antigua*, *John Alder*, Briganteen *Diamond*. Outward bound. For *Antigua*, *John Porter*, Sloop *Mary*: For *Monserrat*, *Francis Norris*, Sloop *Seaflower*; For *Lisbon*, *Richard Thomas*, Port-Merchant: For

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126 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 541. See News-Letter No. 64 *ante*.

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*Curacoa, Simon Ranie, Sloop Charles, and John Sharp, Sloop Fons Friends.*

On Saturday arrived Capt. Legay from *Barbadoes*, in the Prize Ship, mentioned in our Numb. 80, taken by Capt. Mitchel Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Weymouth*.

Last week we had a spell of very cold Weather; and on Saturday it Snow'd.

**Advertisements.**

**A** Gentleman in Boston has 150 or 200 Pounds to Lend at Interest Upon Good Security: Inquire of John Campbell Post-Master in Boston, and know further.

**T**his is to give Notice, That whereas the Southern Post from Boston to Rhode-Island, for the Three Winter Months of December, January and February, went & came once a Fortnight, as the Western Post to New-York still goes; That for the better Advantage of Commerce and Trade, The said Southern Post goes out and returns in said Months once every Week, viz. He sets out from Boston every Monday at Six a Clock in the afternoon, and returns every Saturday And every other Monday of the aforesaid Months, the Southern Post carrys with him the Western Male for Connecticut and New-York.

And in regard the days are short and bad Travelling in said Months These are also to give Notice, That the Eastern Post from Boston to Piscataqua, sets out every Monday's night at 7 a Clock and returns every Saturday. And all Persons are to bring their Letters to the Post-Office for the Southern and Western Post at Five a Clock in the afternoon; and for the Eastern Post at Six a Clock, and not to exceed.

**T**o be Sold at the Post-Office in Boston; The Monthly Mercury's at 12 Pence a piece, London-Gazetts, Flying Posts, Post-man, Post-Boy, and Observators, at Two pence a piece: So that any person in Town or Country, in this and the Neighbouring Provinces, may have the same agreeing with John Campbell Post-Master for all, or any of the same.

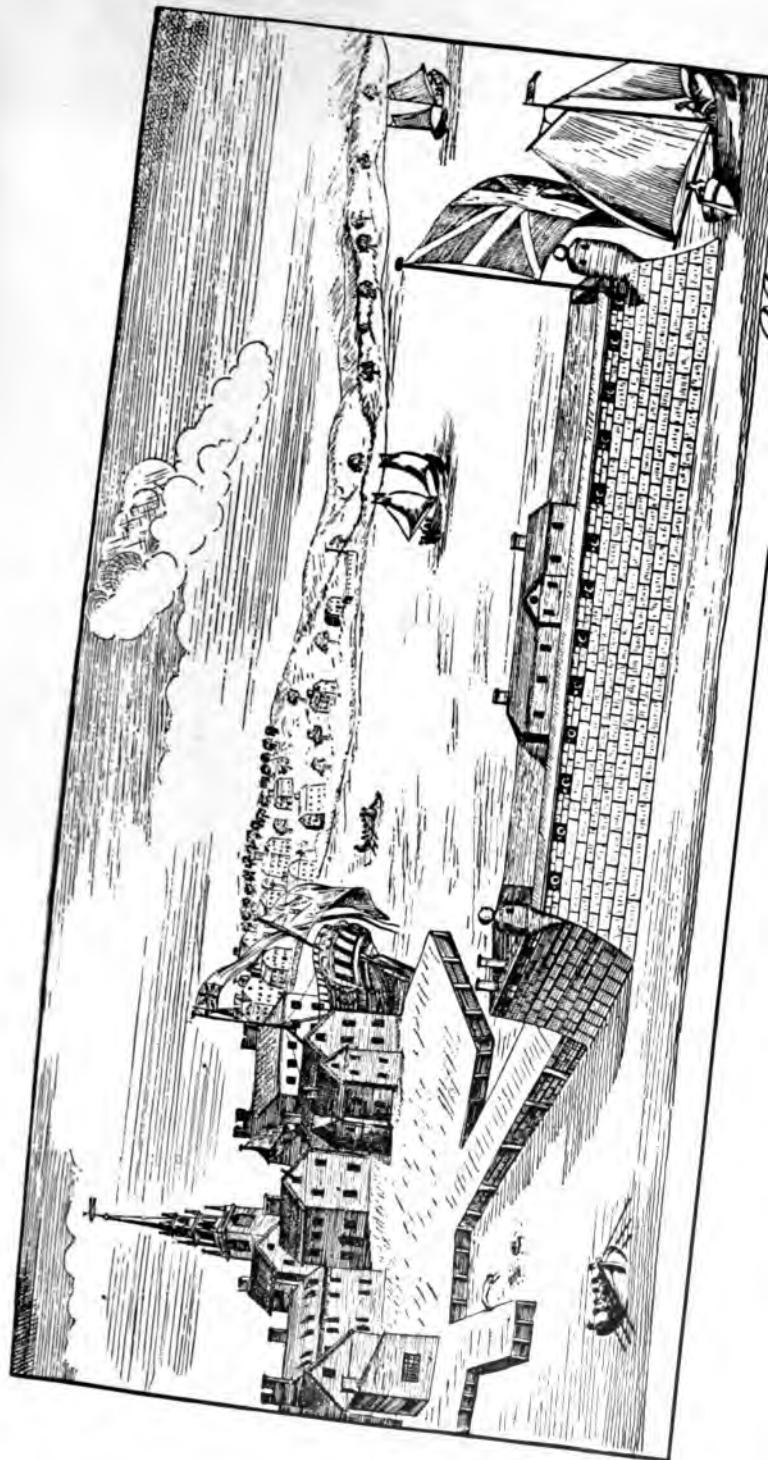
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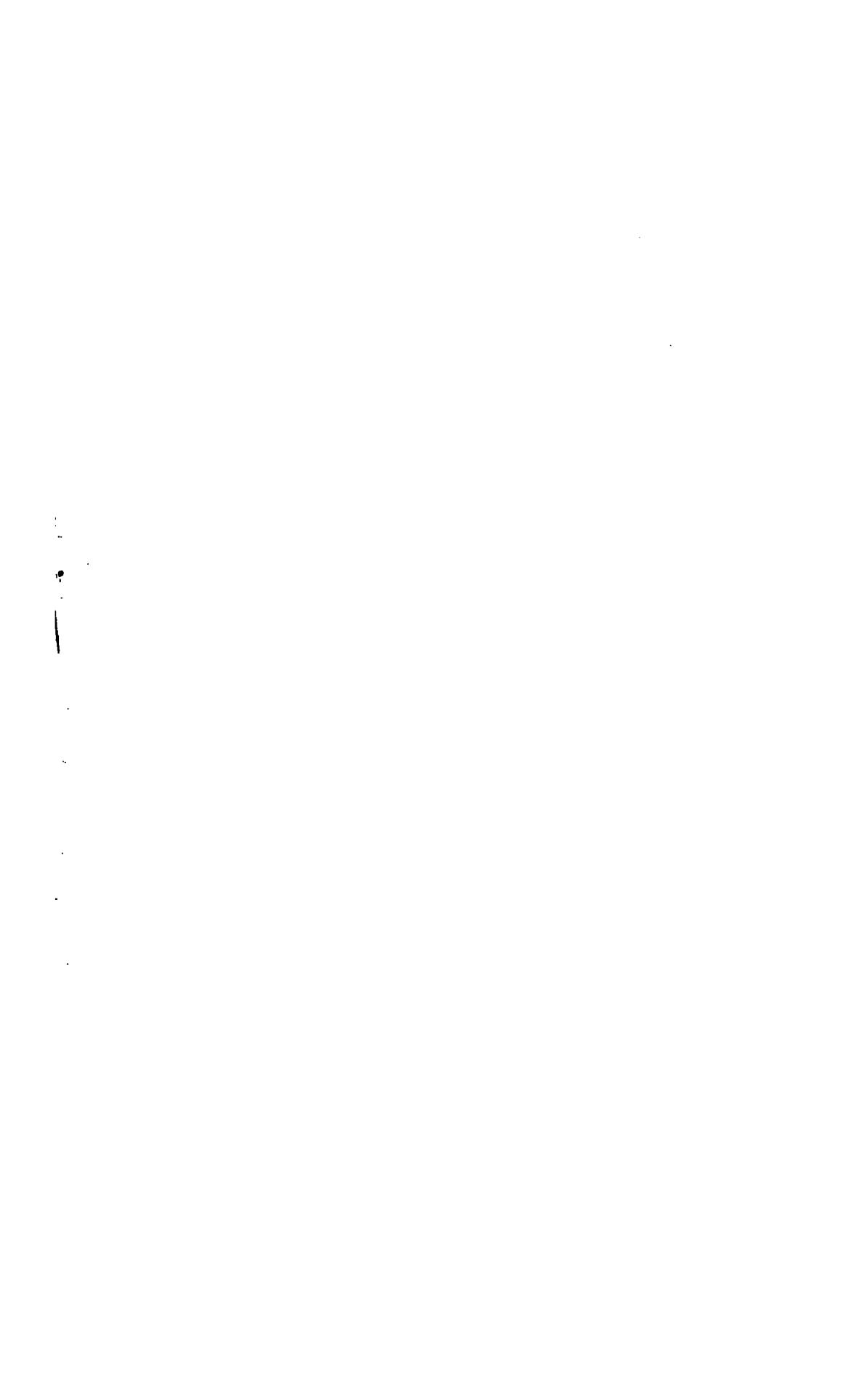
THE NORTH BATTERY, BOSTON

First built about 1646 at the North End 'att Waller Merry's Point.' Located at the foot of  
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*Histories of Europe*, as well as the present Affairs; explaining by Abbreviations and Figures, for Conveniency of Cheapness & Pocket carriage; with the Addition of a Table of the Births, Marriages, etc. of all the Kings, Princes, and Potentates, of EUROPE.

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R. E.

Numb. 85.

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From Monday November 26. to Monday December 3. 1705.

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[AFFAIRS in Bavaria, Poland, Spain and elsewhere are reported in letters of May date, and one of June 2 from Hague, Hamburg, Lisbon, Ratisbon and other capitals and from the military camps before Valentia and Albuquerque. All but three quarters of a column of the two pages of the number are thus filled.]

*Boston*, On Tuesday the 27th Novemb. arrived here *Robert Gold* in a Sloop from *Newfoundland*, who came from *St. Johns* the 1st said Month, & says That Her Majesty's Ships, the *Litchfield* Prize, and *Anglesey*, with the 2 Store Ships, having the Forces on Board, and the Merchantman that came out of *England* in company with them were arrived at *Newfoundland* the 29th of *October* last: The Men of War in their voyage took a *French* Prize, whom they released again, upon condition of paying a considerable Sum of Money, for which they took Hostages for this payment.

On Wednesday the 28th Novemb. *Anthony Haleing* Mariner dyed suddenly; he was a person much addicted to Prophaness and Intemperance, he had newly undertaken a Voyage for *Barbadoes*, with Capt. *John Foster*; and a little ere he dyed, he was helping to carry some Sails to the Boat which lay at *Scarless Wharf*, and having put the Sails into the Boat, Capt. *Foster's* Mate desired him to go and help to bring down the small Arms; to which he replyed that he would dye ere he would be a Porter to any body, and while the other was gone for the Arms, the said *Haleing* was suddenly taken with an extreme pain athwart his Breast, the anguish whereof made him wish that God would stop his breath, & so dyed suddenly; Tis said that he used formerly to be taken with those pains.

On the Lords Day the 25th of *November* last Dyed the Pious and Virtuous Mrs. *Sarah Allen*, Wife of the Reverend Mr. *James Allen*: Aged 67. And was Interred on the *Wednesday* following.

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By Capt. *Gillam*, The Governour received Her Majesty's Bounty to this Province, consisting of Twenty Piece of Cannon, with all necessary Stores and Provision for their Mounting, (which was Landed on *Castle-Island* the 30th Instant) as a particular mark of her Majesties Favour for the Defence of this Province.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Smallage* from *Rhode Island*. Outwards, *Kelly* and *Parker* for *Piscataqua*, and *Grafton* for *Salem*. Foreign Inwards *Robert Gold Sloop Mary* from *Newfoundland*. Cleared Outwards, *Joseph Wallis* in *John and Deborah*, for *Virginia*, *Moses Abbot*, in *John and Mary* for *Maryland*. Outward Bound, For *Coratuck John Webster*, Briganteen *Endeavour*, *Antigua*, *David Bucklin*, Briganteen *Randol*: *Thomas Symkins*, Ketch *Marymack*, *St. Christophers*, *Ebenezar Breed* Ketch *Good-hope*; *South Carolina*, *John Elliot*, Sloop *Nonsuch*; *Barbadoes*, *John Corney*, Briganteen *Dorothy*; *Virginia*, *Noah Chamne*, in *Endeavour*; *Jamaica*, *Nathaniel Balston*, in the *Elizabeth and Mary*.

### Advertisement

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**N. E.**

**Numb. 86.**

# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** December 3. to **Monday** December 10. 1705.

**AS—NY**

[**T**HERE are four pages to this number, all but one and a half columns being filled with domestic news. Under May and June dates are numerous dispatches from London, Hague, Vienna, Turin, Berlin, Frankfort, Milan, Naples and elsewhere, which for the most part give particulars concerning the campaign in Spain. The London matter includes a proclamation by the queen, dated May 30, 1705.]

*New-York, Nov. 27.* Her Majesties Ships, the *Nonsuch*, *Mare-maid* and *Deal-Castle*, with the *Jamaica Fleet*, and other vessels under their Convoy bound for *England*, have lain Wind bound since *Fryday* last at the watering place: The Wind is now at S. W. and if it veres more Northerly, they'll put to Sea this day or tomorrow.

Several Vessels will Sail in 10 days for *Barbadoes*, *Jamaica*, *Madera*, *Curacoa*, & other ports of the *West Indies*.

*Piscataqua December 6th.* Capt. *Chamberlin* in the Ship *Rebecca* of 300 Tuns, Designs to Sail for *Lisbon* about a Month or Five Weeks hence.

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*Boston, Sundry Acts passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of Her Majesties Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England: Begun and Held at Boston the Thirtieth of May 1705 and continued by several Prorogations unto Wednesday the Twenty-fourth of October following, and then met, being their Third Session. Published December the 6th. Viz.*

*An Act Directing the Method of Payment of Soldiers.*

*An Act for Regulating the Assize of Cask for Tar, Pitch, Turpentine, and Rozin, and for preventing Frauds and Deceit in said Commodities.*

*An Act in Addition to the Act for due Regulation of Weights and Measures*

*An Act in Addition to and Explanation of the Act relating to Sureties upon Mean Process in Civil Actions*

*An Act against burning of Houses.*

*An Act to prevent Fraud in Cord-Wood exposed to Sale*

*An Act for the better preventing of a Spurious & mixt Issue*

*A Private Act in a Case between Robert Bartlet and Erasmus James.*

On Wednesday the 5th. Currant His Excellency Prorogu'd the General Assembly to the last Wednesday of February next.

On Fryday His Excellency went from Roxbury for His Government of New-Hampshire.

The Fleet for Barbadoes, and the Leward Islands under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the Deptford, Capt. *Stoucley* Commander, Designs to Sail on Wednesday next; several of the Merchant-men are Ships of good force.

On Wednesday dyed Mr. *Henry Sargeant* Merchant and was Interr'd on Fryday last.

Coasters Entered Outwards, *Duncan* and *Wair* for Piscataqua. *Jeremiah Vail* for Roanock. Foreign Inwards from St. Thomas, *Andrew Wager* in Ketch *Mary*, Jamaica, *Bartholomew Green* in Brigantine *Swan*, Newfoundland, *Richard Friend* in Sloop *Content*. Cleared Outwards for Barbadoes 11 Ships, viz. Captains *Samuel Rymes* in the *Barbadoes Merchant*, *John Foster* in the *Sarah*, *Richard Fyfield* in the *Swallow*, *John Alden* in the *Swallow*, *William Alden* in the *Content*, *John Henderson* in the *Swan*, *Azor Gale* in the *Friendship*, *Thomas Thacher* in the *Charles Galley*, *Thomas Savill* in the *Two Brothers*, *James Bridgham* in the *Hampton*, *William Holberton* in the *Ann*, And 8 Briganteens, viz. Captains *John Corney* in the *Dorothy*, *John Welch* in the *Hannah*, *Joseph Everton* in the *Elizabeth*, *John Pullen* in the *Dove*, *Joseph Newill* in the *Endeavour*, *John Walker* in the *Hopewell*, *John Welch* in the *Larke*, *Tobias Green* in

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the *May Flower*: and 4 Sloops, viz. *Abraham Gording* in the *Fortune*, *James Barnes* in the *Swan*, *Stephen Cross* in the *Endeavour*, and *John Porter* in the *Mary*. For *Jamaica*, *John Ventiman* in the Ship *Martha* & *Elizabeth*. For *Curacao*, *Simon Rame* in the Sloop *Charles*. For *Lisbon*, *Richard Thomas* in the Sloop *Oporto Merchant*. For *Madera* *Noah Grille* in the Sloop *Adventure*. Outward bound for *Jamaica*, *Jeffery Bedgood* in the Sloop *Two Brothers*, *Barbadoes*, *William Chamberlin* in the Sloop *Blessing*, *Robert Gold* Sloop *May*, and *Nathaniel Harris* in Briganteen *Swallow*, *Fyall Jeremiah Tay* in Briganteen *John & Ann*, *Antigua*, *John Tayler* Sloop *Katherine*, *Topsham*, *William Bevis* in Ship *Peace*.

### Advertisement

**R**an-away from his Master William Pepperil Esqr. at Kittery in the Province of Maine, a Negro Man-Slave named Peter, aged about 20, Speaks good English, of a pretty brown Complexion, middle Stature, has on a mixt gray home-spun Coat, white home-spun Jacket and Breeches, French fall Shoes, sad coloured Stockings, of a mixt worsted pair, and a black Hat, Whosoever shall take up said Negro, and bring or convey him safe to his said Master, or secure him and send notice of him either to his Master, or to Andrew Belcher Esqr. at Boston, shall be well rewarded for his pains, and all reasonable charges paid besides.

**L**ately Deserted Her Majesties Service in the Province of Main, an Indian Man (under the Command of Cap. Joseph Brown) named Isaac Purnmatick, was seen at Newbury, in Company with the above Runaway Negro; he is a short Fellow not very thick, speaks very good English, he liv'd formerly with Mr. Samuel Thackster of Hingham; he has on English Cloaths, a sad coloured old coat, or else a new light coulered drugget Coat with buttons, holes and lining of black, black breeches, gray yarn Stockings, a black hat almost new. Whosoever shall apprehend said Indian, & him convey to his said Captain, or to Andrew Belcher Esqr. at Boston, shall have a sufficient reward besides his Charges.

**L**ately Deserted Her Majesties Service at Kittery Garison in the Province of Maine, David Thomas Souldier, a Welsh-man, aged about 30 years, pretty short and thick stature, dark brown coloured hair; hath on a new white Cape cloth Watch Coat, under that an old sad coloured strait bodied Coat and Jacket, gray yarn stockings, and an old black Hat. Whosoever shall apprehend said Deserter, and him safely convey to his said Post, or to Andrew Belcher Esqr. at Boston, shall have satisfaction to Content, besides his charges.

**T**o be Sold in Boston at the Ware-house of Mr. James Leblond on the Long Wharf near the Swing-Bridge, New Lisbon Salt at

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28s. per Hogshead, & 4s. per Bushel; also Rum, Sugar, Mollasses, Wine, Brandy, sweet Oyl, Indigo, Brasilet, Cocoa, Chocolat, with all sorts of Spice, either by Wholesale or Retale, at reasonable Rates.

[Reprinted: News Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

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[NEARLY all this issue is filled with foreign news, which consists mostly of reports concerning the military movements in different parts of the continent of Europe. The domestic news is inconsiderable, being limited to four items which, with four advertisements, occupy about three quarters of a column.]

*Piscataqua, Decemb. 13.* His Excellency arrived here on *Tuesday* the 11th Currant, and designs to return from hence on *Wednesday* or *Thursday* next.

*Boston*, The Western Post not yet come in.

The Outward Bound Fleet for *Barbadoes* & the *Leward Islands*, ly Wind bound at *Nantasket*.

Coasters Entered Outwards, *William Rodes* for *Coratuck*. Foreign Inwards, *Ebenezar Parker* from *Pensilvania*. Cleared Outwards, for *Barbadoes*, *John Ela* in *Briganteen Dove*, *John Price Sloop Austin* *Galley*, *Nicholas Laurence Ship Endeavour*, *William Chamberlin* *Barque Blessing*, *Philip Lewis Briganteen Hope*, *Robert Gold Sloop Mary*, *Anthony Haywood Ship Eagle*, *Joseph Small Ketch Seaflower*: For *Antigua*, *Nathaniel Perkins Brig. Success*. For *St Christophers*, *Will. Dounten Sloop Joseph and Betty*: For *Curacoa*, *John Sharp Sloop Four Friends*: For *Coratuck*, *Robert Starke*, *Sloop Thomas*. Outward Bound, For *Jamaica*, *John Buckley*, *Briganteen Abigail and Sarah*; For *Barbadoes*, *Walter Oglesbie*, *Briganteen Martha, Joseph Flint*, in Ship *Prudent Hannah*: For *Montserat*, *Samuel Edwards*, in *Briganteen William and Mary*.

### Advertisements.

A Certain Person wants to Borrow Thirty Pound upon good Security; Any Person that has said Sum, or any greater to Lend, may repair to John Campbell Post-Master, and know further.

[Reprinted: runaway slave of William Pepperil, as in December 10;

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deserter from the queen's service in Maine as in December 10; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday December 17. to Monday December 24. 1705.

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[PRINCIPALLY foreign war news fills three columns of this two page number, from Milan, Hague, Ratisbon and other cities and "from the Imperial Camp at Gavardo, June 5, 1705."]

*New-York, Decemb. 11* On the 30th past arrived here *Hicks* from *Rhode-Island*, and *Courteen* from *Curacoa*, who advises, that a Trading Sloop from said Port of 60 Men, was attacked by a *Spanish* Privateer Briganteen of 80 Men, who boarded the Sloop; That those of the Sloop killed 50 of the Privateers, wounded 15, and took her, and Carried her into *Curacoa*; She is thought to be the Briganteen that was in the Service of the Island of *Barbadoes*, which the Men ran away with.

On the 1st Instant, Her Majesty's Ships of War the *Nonsuch*, *Maremaid* and *Deal-Castle*, with the *Jamaica* Fleet and other Vessels under their Convoy, Sailed from *Sandyhook* for *England*, the Wind at North West.

On said day arrived *Adolph* from *Boston*, and *Spencer* from *St. Thomas*

On the 5th Currant arrived here Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton* Prize from *England* who came out from *Plimoth* with Captains *Gilliam* and *Mason*, that are arrived at *Boston*.

Outward bound are several Vessels for *Curacoa*, *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, *Antigua*, *Madera*, *Carolina* & a Sloop for *Rhode-Island*.

Capt. *Pennistone*, *Tongrelow*, and *Van-Tyle* in 3 Ships, and also 2 Sloops Sails this week on Privateering.

*Boston*; The Seminary at *Quebeck* said to be burnt No 84. Was a large, fair, and costly Building. The flaming Shingles of it, flew to a distant Chappel, and set that on fire; By the near Neighbourhood of this little Chappel, a high Cross charg'd with a Crucifix, was Surpris'd: Upon the Burning and Fall whereof, take this short Elegy;

In Obitum Crucis

*Gallica crux aequam flamمام sentire coacta est:  
Ista salus fallax, igne probata perit.*

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*Idolum nihil est; restat de stipite longo  
Nescio quid cineris, quem Papit urna brevis.*

On *Tuesday* the 18th. *Current* arrived here *Thomas Ball* in a Sloop from *Holland* and *England*, who Sailed from *Plimouth* the 25th of *October*, in Company with a Fleet of about 40 Sail, under Convoy of 4 Men of War, two whereof was bound for *Guinea*, the other two, *viz.* the *Woolage* and *Advice* with several Vessels for *Virginia*, with whom came out Capt. *Wilde* for *Boston*, two Briganteens for *New-York*, and other two for *Philadelphia*; with several Vessels for the *West-Indies*, *Jamaica* and *Carolina*. Her Majesty's Men of War for *Virginia* took a *French* Merchant-man of 300 Tons from *Martinico*, loaden with Sugar, Indigo and Cocoa; and they designed to touch at *Madera*. Mr. *Ball* says, That *Catalenia* had revolted to King *Charles* the 3d. That *Barcelona* was besieged by the Confederate Forces, and generally concluded to be now in King *Charles*'s possession. That the Grand Fleet is said to Winter in the *Streights*. That the Mast Fleet bound hither designed to sail in *March* next. That Cpts. *L'easembly* in the *Dudley* Frigot, and *Carlile* in the *Swan* Briganteen, both belonging to *Boston* were Lost in a Storm coming from the *Isle of Wight* to *Plimouth*. Mr. *Ball* parted with the Fleet 5 days after they left the *Lands-End* of *England*, about 150 Leagues to the Westward but Capt. *Wilde* & the Vessels for *New-York* and *Philadelphia* kept still with the Fleet.

Last Three Weeks we had a Spell of very good Weather, till *Fryday* night about 7 a Clock it began to Snow, and continued all *Saturday* till about 7 at night; so that there fell a pritty big Snow.

The Fleet for *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands* under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford*, are still Wind-bound at *Nantasket* ready to imbrace the first fair Wind.

Entered Foreign Inwards, From *Jamaica*, *Joseph Pusifer*, *Sarah Briganteen*; from *Plimouth*, *Thomas Ball* Sloop *Elizabeth* Cleared Outwards for *Barbadoes*, *Jonathan Lambert*, Ship *Industry*, *Nataniel Harris* Briganteen *Swallow*, *Thomas Symkins*, *Providence* Briganteen; for *St Christophers* *Daniel Whyborne* Sloop *Hawck*; for *Antigua*, *Wil Rowland*, Sloop *Seaflower*; for *Coratuck*, *Thomas Bell*, Sloop *Grayhound*. Outward Bound for *Carolina*, *Gill Belcher*, Ship *Tryal*.

The Eastern Post not yet come in.

The Southern and Western Post Sets out on Monday the 24th. at Six a Clock at night: The Southern Post goes out and comes in every Week, and the Western once a Fortnight.

**Advertisements**

**A** Certain Person wants to Borrow Thirty Pound upon good Security; Any Person that has said Sum, or any greater to Lend,

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may repair to John Campbell Post-Master, and know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

R. E.

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From Monday December 24. to Monday December 31. 1705.

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[**A**GAIN a four page number, seven columns being filled with foreign news and one with domestic. Under June dates from Paris, Hague, Venice, Turin, Vienna, Rome, Hamburg, Madrid and elsewhere are reports of the campaigns in Portugal, Italy, Hungary and other parts of Europe. The domestic news includes a Thanksgiving proclamation of Governor Dudley.]

*Boston, On Tuesday the 25th. Instant His Excellency arrived at Roxbury from His Government of N. Hampshire.*

*On Wednesday Sailed from Nantasket the Outward bound Fleet for Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the Deptford.*

By his Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esq.

*Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the Massachusetts-Bay and New-Hampshire in New-England.*

A PROCLAMATION for a General Thanksgiving.

*IT having pleased Almighty GOD of his Great Goodness & Mercy, to Afford his Protection and Assistance to her Sacred Majesty in the Just War, in which for the common Safety of Her Majesties Realms, and for disappointing the boundless Ambition of France, Her Majesty is now Engaged; And hath given to Her Majesties Arms, in conjunction with Her Allies, under the Command of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, Captain General of Her Majesties Land Forces, after their having forced the French Lines in the Spanish Netherlands, a Signal and Glorious Victory over the Forces of Her Majesties Enemies within those Lines.*

*And such Great and Publick Blessings calling for Publick and Solemn Acknowledgements.*

*I Do, by Her Majesties Especial Command, and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, Order and Appoint, That a General THANKSGIVING to Almighty GOD, for these His Mercies, be Religiously Observed throughout these Provinces, upon Thursday the 24th of January next: Exhorting both Ministers & People in their Publick Assemblies in the*

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*said Day, most devoutly to Celebrate the Praises of Almighty GOD, for His So Great Favours and Blessings bestowed: And all Servile Labour is hereby forbidden on the said Day.*

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the 27th Day of *Decemb.* 1705. In the Fourth Year of Her Majesties Reign.

By Order of His Excellency  
the Governour & Council,

*J. DUDLEY,*

*Isaac Addington, Secr.*

GOD Save the QUEEN.

No Vessels Entered either Out or In this Week.

Last Week the first five Days thereof, we had extream Cold Freezing Weather. Fryday was moderate, and Saturday a Northerly Storm of Snow.

On the 30th arrived here Capt. *Wilde* from *England* mentioned in our Last, who arrived below the Castle on *Fryday* the 28th, where his Vessel still lyes, because of the Ice in the River: He parted with the Fleet for *Virginia*, and the Vessels for *New-York* etc. (whereof Capt. *Jeffers* was one) in Latitude of 32.

**Advertisements**

[Repeated: advertisement of runaway slave, as first in December 10.]

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**R. E.**

**Rumb. 90.**

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From **Monday** December 31. to **Monday** January 7. 1705. 6.

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**[F**OREIGN news fills nearly three of the four columns of this issue. Included therein is the address of the lord lieutenant to the English Parliament, at the close of the session in June, 1705, and the address of the Irish Parliament to the queen in June, with the answer of the queen. Under the Boston date on the second page is more than a column of short foreign news items.]

*Jamaica*, Octob. 30. Mr. *John Wing* from *Boston* arrived here last night. Capt. *Allen* commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Montague*, lately brought in here a French Merchant man of 30 Guns, bound to *Carthagene*, richly Loaden.

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*Philadelphia*, Decemb. 17. Capt. *Guy* from *London* arrived here the 9th. Currant, He left *Plimouth* the 25th. of *October*, under Convoy of 2 Men of War for *Virginia*, the Woollage and Advice &c. by whom we are advised [Here are several items of foreign news.] Capt. *Kerney* in a Briganteen from *Ireland* arrived the 15th. instant, who about a Week ago spoke with a Briganteen about 60 Leagues off our Coast which had been a Month out of *Jamaica*, bound for *Boston*, he forgot the Masters Name.

Mr. *James Townsend* of *Boston* dyed at *Cohansey*.

New-York Decemb. 24. Rolland in a Sloop from *Jamaica* arrived the 13th. in 6 Weeks time.

On the 19th. instant, The Private Ship of War call'd the Castle Del Key of 130 Tons, 18 Guns, Capt. Otto Van Tyle Commander, Sailed from Jackques Bay (about 10 Miles from hence) and in going down towards Sandyhook with an easy Gale of Wind, She struck upon the East bank and stuck there; They sent some of their men on Shoar in their Cannoo for boats to assist them, but that night a hard Gale of Wind Sprung up between W. & N. W. and Froze very hard, the Ship began to fill with Water: A Sloop and large Boat was sent down, but it Friezing and blowing so hard, they would not venture to relieve them, for fear of running the same fate of being a ground, and so Froze or Drowned: The next Morning the Gale continued hard all day, and the men were all alive upon the Deck and in the Shrowds the Sea beating over them: And on Fryday Morning the Wind abating, a Boat went on board and found but 4 of the men alive; The Captain and all the rest being Froze and Drowned, there was 145 men, on board when She Sailed, who all perished but 13, & 132 died in this deplorable manner. Here are Widows Lamenting the loss of their Husbands, and Parents their Children: Tis said about 80 or 90 of the men were English, Scotch and Irish, and the rest of Dutch Parentage, most born in this Country.

Capt. Tongrelow and Peniston Sailes this day on Privateering, and Capt. Joyner for *Jamaica*; all our outward bound Vessels will Sail in 2 or 3 days, the Winter being set in severely.

*Boston*, The Advice we have from *England* per Captain *Wild* by Prints and Letters are [Here follows a column and a half of foreign news.]

Letters from *Bristol* to *London*, Octob. 3. Advise of one of the *Jamaica* Fleet's being arrived there, who sustained a Leak in the great Storm mentioned in our No. 72, and 73. that said Fleet met with, whereby she lost 100 Hogsheads of Sugar; and stopping her Leak, Sailed Onwards to *England*, and supposes that several of the Fleet put in to *Virginia* and *New-England* to refit.

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*Of all which we shall inlarge in our succeeding  
Prints, as we usually do*

Capt. *William Bevis* in Ship *Peace* for *Topsham* in *England*, intends to Sail within a Fortnight, Wind and Weather permitting.

On Saturday arrived [blank] *Pain* from *South-Carolina*. Last Week was moderate Weather for the season of the year, it Snow'd a little on Thursday morning, and it begun to Snow on Saturday about noon, and there fell a pritty deal that night.

Entered Foreign Inwards, from *London*, *John Wild* Ship *Dove*. Cleared Outwards for *Madera*, *Walter Oglesbie*, Briganteen *Martha*. Outward bound for *St. Christophers*, *Thomas Clark* Sloop *Endeavour*, *Monserrat* *Thomas Ball* Sloop *Elizabeth*.

— All the Posts came in on Saturday, and sets out again on Monday the 7th Currant, at 6 & 7 at night: The Eastern and Southern to go and come once a week, and the Western Post once a fortnight.

**Advertisements.**

**T**O be Sold by Mr *Peter Signiac* Merchant in Boston, at a very reasonable Rate, Five Copper Stills, one whereof contains 180 Gallons, two other 100 Gallons each, a 4th. contains 60 Gallons, and the 5th 30 Gallons, all weighing about 800 weight, with 5 worms and Tubbs fit for the said Stills: As also Ten Cisterns, three whereof Square, each containing about 1200 Gallons, one ditto round containing 1000 Gallons, six ditto containing about 300 Gallons each; Two Pumps with Iron handles, 12 Pales, one Hogshead with a Copper Cock, 5 Iron Doors, Two great Shovels, Two pair of Tongs, one Fork, and five Iron Shutters; with all their Appurtenances to be seen in the back Street behind Capt. *Anthony Checkly*'s house in Boston at the Still-House which was formerly Mr. *Peter Chardon*'s.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18, 1705.]

**R. E.**

**Rumb. 91.**

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From **Monday** January 7. to **Monday** January 14, 1705. 6.

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[**T**WO and a half columns of this issue are filled with foreign news of the war on the continent, and of public affairs, under June, 1705, dates from Paris, Rome, Berlin, Vienna, London, Dresden and elsewhere.]

*South-Carolina, Nov. 11. We have had here for a considerable*

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time, a Feaver attended with an unusual Ague, that few or no Families in Town or Country but what has been visited with it, while it was warm weather 'twas not mortal, but since cold weather came in many have died, and several persons of Note, and we hear that it has been very mortal among the Indians. There is a Vessel lately arrived here from *England*.

Piscataqua, January 11th. On Fryday the 4th. Currant several Gentlemen went from hence as far as Hampton to meet Mr. *Jonathan Belcher* Merchant of Boston, where he was met being accompanied by several Gentlemen, and arrived here the said night in order to his Marriage on Tuesday the 8th. Instant, being his Birthday, unto Mrs. *Mary Partridge* Daughter to William Partridge Esq. late Lieutenant Governour of this Province; But at the motion of the Gentlemen that accompanied him, they were Marryed the same night as he came off his Journey in his Boots: The Wedding was Celebrated on the Tuesday following, where there was a Noble and Splendid Entertainment for the Guests, and honoured with a Discharge of the Great Guns of the Fort, &c.<sup>127</sup>

'Twill be three Weeks ere Capt. Chamberlin for Lisbone will be ready to Sail, being hindered by the severity of the Weather.

*Marblehead, Jan 12:* On Saturday the 5th Currant, arrived here the Ship *Sarah Galley* of *Boston* of 12 Guns, 22 men, Capt. *Andrew Wilson* Commander, from *Bonira*, about 7 weeks Passage, who left *Barbadoes* the 23d of *October* last, bound for *Saltertuda*, and in his Passage met with a *French* Privateer Sloop, about 80 men, and a Loaden Ship with her, which they supposed to be her Prize: And *Capt. Wilson* judging he could not run from the Privateer, stood away for him, and soon came up with each other; whereupon *Capt. Wilson* halled up his Sails, he and his men retiring to their close Quarters, prepared to Fight; The Privateer presently boarded him, & clapt a considerable number of his men on board; *Wilson* and he were Lashed board and board about an hour. The Privateers finding it to hot for them on his Deck, their Gratings being all secured that they could not penetrate into his close Quarters, most of them went on board their own Sloop again, and from thence ply'd their small Arms on *Wilson*, and *Wilson* on them, till at last the Privateer was glad to cut his Lashings and get clear of him; and left 3 Fuzees,

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127 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 151, under date Jan<sup>y</sup> 9, also note; also pp. 152-153, under date Jan<sup>y</sup> 12 [1705/6]. Jonathan Belcher: later Governor Belcher of Massachusetts (1730-1741); afterward Governor of New Jersey (1745-1757) till his death. He was born in Cambridge, son of Andrew Belcher, and his wife who was a daughter of Deputy Governor Danforth of Massachusetts under the colonial charter; and grandson of Andrew Belcher, an early inn-keeper of Cambridge.

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3 Swords, and some Axes and Pistols behind them on *Wilson's* Deck and one of their men dead in his Chains; and they judge that they kill'd many of the Privateer's men, because they saw several fall and thrown down into their Hold, and the blood running very plentifully out of their Scuppers; Capt. *Wilson* had no men kill'd, only himself and Son received several Wounds; at parting Capt. *Wilson* discharged two Great Guns loaden with small Shot, which he supposes did great execution among the Privateers men.<sup>128</sup>

*Boston*, By a person come from *Cape-Cod* we are acquainted, That a Ketch Outward Bound from *Salem*, *William Brown* Master, who had besides himself, a Mate, 2 men and a Boy on board her, was Cast away on *Sandy Poynt* the 22d of *December* last; The Mate and one of the men were drowned; the Master brought the Boy in his Arms 2 or 3 miles, who then dyed; and the Master lies now dangerously ill, & 'tis doubted if he will recover.

On Tuesday the 8th. Currant, being the day designed for the Marriage of Mr. Jonathan Belcher of *Piscataqua*, There was several great Guns discharged at his Father Capt. Andrew Belcher Esqr's. *Wharffe*, and aboard of several Ships.<sup>129</sup>

On the 13th Dyed here Mr. David Jess, Goldsmith.

Last Week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, were extream Cold, the rest of the days was moderate Weather.

Foreign Entered Inwards, from *South-Carolina*, *Stephen Paine* in Ketch *Martha*. Cleared Outwards for *Monserrat* *Francis Norris* in Sloop *Seflower*, *Antigua*, *Robert Carver* in Briganteen *Plimouth*, *Thomas Gwin* Briganteen *Elizabeth*, *Ephraim Breed* Ketch *Good-hope*, *Beamsly Perkins* Ship *Eagle Galley*. *Nevis* *William Webber* in Rose Briganteen. *Jamaica*, *John Bulkley* in Briganteen *Abigail* & *Sarah*, *Jeffery Bedgood* Sloop *Two Brothers*. Outward bound, *South-Carolina*, *Samuel Boyes* in Briganteen *Susanna*; *Barbadoes*, *Jacob Legay*, *Mitchels Prize*, *Jamaica*, *Bartholomew Green* in Swan Briganteen.

**Advertisements.**

ON Fryday next the 18th. Currant at three a Clock in the afternoon will be exposed to Sale at the House of Mr. *William Hill* near the Dock in *Boston*, twenty nine half Barrels of Leaf, and 40 Rolls of Spun Tobacco. To be seen at Her Majesty's Custom-House in Office hours.

128 Captain Andrew Willson: earlier captain of the ship 'Greyhound, employed in 1703 on the queen's service in guarding the coast against French privateers; and in 1704 in Colonel Benjamin Church's expedition against the French and Indians.

129 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 153, under date Jany 23 [1705/6]. Also, note 127, p. 284.

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[Reprinted: advertisement of Peter Signiac, as in January 7; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18, 1705.]

R. E.

Plumb. 92.

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From Monday January 14. to Monday January 21. 1705, 6.

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**[B**EGINNING the first column of the first page of this issue is a dispatch "From the Duke of Marlborough's Camp at Vlierbeck July 20, N. S." giving the details of a battle near Hespen in the Spanish Netherlands, July 17 and 18, and including a list of the French and Bavarian officers and soldiers then captured, and the standards and colours taken. There is also the proclamation of the queen for a public thanksgiving. The domestic news is confined to less than half a column.]

Philadelphia, Jan. 1st. Thursday the 10th. Currant is the day appointed for Publick Thanksgiving, for the Signal Victory obtained by His Grace the Duke Marlborough, &c.

New-York Jan. 7th. Capts. Tongrelow & Peniston with great difficulty got to Sea the 26th last. Christmas day being the Coldest that was ever felt here: Hudsons River was froze over and continued fast several days, the severe cold lasted three days.

On the 1st Instant arrived here the Ship N. York Merchant, Thomas Jeffers Master, came out of Plimouth 25 of October with the Virginia Fleet, under Convoy of 2 Men of War, and in Company with those for Boston.

To Morrow is appointed a Publick day of Thanksgiving for the Success of Her Majesties Arms, &c.

Outward bound, Wessels & Milburn for Antigua, Dunscum for Barbadoes, Wells & Stillwell for St. Thomas, Pitman for Curacao and Rolland for Jamaica.

Boston, Last Week was very moderate Weather for the Season.

Cleared, Outwards for Virginia, Noah Chamne in Ship Endeavour, Nevis, Richard Butler Sloop Adventure; Madera, Fortune Redduck Sloop St. Christophers; Antigua, David Bucklin Brigt. Randol; Monserrat, Thomas Ball Sloop Elizabeth, and Samuel Edwards Briganteen William and Mary.

On the 20th Currant, Dyed here the Lady MARY PHIPPS,<sup>130</sup>

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130 Lady Mary Phips: widow of Sir William Phips. See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 153, under date Lord's Day, Jany 20. Also, same page, under date Jany 25th [1705/6].

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Wife of Peter Seargent Esqr.<sup>131</sup> And also Mrs. Jane Pembrook,<sup>132</sup>  
Wife of Mr. Elkanah Pembrook.

**Advertisement.**

**R**an-away from their Master Capt. Richard Petterson of South-Carolina about the latter end of Septemb. last, Three Negro Men Slaves, viz. Shippio, aged about 29 years, Jack about 17. and Jacob about 13 years old, and judged to be come to some of the Provinces to the Southward of the Massachusetts-Bay: Whosoever shall take up all or any of said Negro's, and him or them safely Convey or Transport to his or their said Master, or to Mr. Joseph Emmons of Boston, or give any true Intelligence of them, so as their Master may have them again, shall be sufficiently rewarded, and all reasonable charges paid besides.

**A. E.**

**Numb. 93.**

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From **Monday** January 21. to **Monday** January 28 1705. 06

**NY**

[THIS issue begins with a letter from the Canary Islands, giving an account of the earthquakes on Teneriffe, December 24 – February 23, 1705, introduced with the following editorial paragraph:

*"In our Last we promis'd to return where we Left off, to carry on the Foreign Occurrences: But a most Remarkable Providence occurring to us, since we were on that of April last, we must yet beg leave of our Undertakers to give them the Account thereof in the same words as it is in the Mercury of said Month."*

Other foreign news is from Hague, Vienna, Turin and Paris under June and July, 1705, dates. The domestic news is limited to two Boston items, and there are three advertisements.]

Boston, Capt. Brown from Wells, Capt. Tyng from Dunstable, and Capt. Stevens from Haveril, are Marched into the Woods with 40 Men each, and 15 days Provision, to Scout from Connecticut River to Sacho River, Forty Miles above the Heads of the Froneers, to discover any Stragling Indians in the Woods.

Entered Foreign Inwards, Andrew Wilson, in Sarah Gally from B[o]jnite. Cleared Outwards, for South Carolina, Jonathan Hunlock, in Stephen and Samuel. For Antigua, Nicholas Davison Brigt.

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<sup>131</sup> See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 154, under date Jany 26 [1705/6].  
Also, p. 174, *note 2*, to entry Dec<sup>r</sup> 18, 1706.

<sup>132</sup> See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 153, under date Tuesday Jany 22 [1705/6].

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Welcome, Zachary Alden Ketch Merrimack, John Taylor in Sloop Kathrin & Ann. For Fyal, Jeremiah Tay in Brigt. John & Ann. Outward bound for Barbadoes, Mathew Vibert Ship Friends-Adventure, John Fisher Sloop Blackthorn. For Jamaica, Joseph Pulsifer in Brigt. Sarah.

### Advertisements.

**T**hese are to give Notice unto all Persons that are Indebted unto John Childe of Boston Taylor, to repair unto his Shop at the North End of said Town, near Scarlet's Wharff; where Messeurs William Hobby and Francis Thresher Attorneys to the said Childe, will Attend on Tuesday and Fryday in every Week, until the first day of March next, to Adjust Accompts with the said Debtors: But upon their Neglect to meet the said Attorneys on the days, and in the time aforesaid, They must expect Lawfull Process to be made against them.

**O**N Thursday the 31st. Currant, at 5 a Clock in the afternoon, will be exposed to Sale by Inch of Candle<sup>133</sup> at the Coffee-House of Mr. Robert Guttridge in Boston, a Parcel of old Woolen Cards, about 22 dozen more or less, to be put up at 3 Shillings Per dozen; to advance 3 Pence each bidding, and to be seen at the Warehouse of Mr. John George Merchant, at the Dock.

**A**LL Persons in Town & Country may have this News-Letter every Week by the Year, upon reasonable Terms, agreeing with John Campbell Post-master of Boston for the same.

**R. E.**

**Number. 94.**

# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** January 28. to **Monday** February 4 1705, 6.

**NY**

**[T**HIS issue is a four page folio, to accommodate the report of the meeting of the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh, July 3, 1705, with the address of the queen, and the speeches of the duke of Argyle and the earl of Scofield. There are also dispatches from the military camps on the continent of Europe and from London, Paris, Venice, Dresden and elsewhere. One New York item and three Boston items comprise the domestic news, in all a half column.]

*New-York, Jan. 21.* We have had an extraordinary Season of warm weather for 12 days past. We hear from *Philadelphia*, that

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133 See foot-note, News-Letter No. 8 *ante*, p. 90.

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several of the *Virginia* Fleet were arrived in Putuxan River in Christmas week, and that 'tis believ'd all the Fleet are arrived.

Boston, The Week before last was Moderate Weather for the Season, Only on Wednesday the 23d. of January it Snow'd a little, Fryday the 25th. was very Cold, and Saturday more Moderate, about nine a clock at Night it began to Snow, and continued till about noon the first day of the last Week, when there fell a pritty deal of Snow. Tuesday and Wednesday last, we had a severe Easterly Storm of Snow, which fell very deep, and the Wind blow'd very hard all Tuesday Night, and till Wednesday Night.

On Tuesday night last, the 29th of January, John Coleburn of Dedham, went from Boston over the Neck, with his Teem in order to go Home, and it's judged he is lost in the Snow, his Sled, Horse and Cattle being found upon the Neck, but not himself.

Cleared Outwards, William Walters for Rhode-Island the Hannah and Ruth, Gill Belcher in Ship Tryal for South-Carolina.

### Advertisements.

**A**Certain Person wants to Borrow at Interest a Hundred Pound upon good Security; any Person that has said Sum, or any greater or lesser to Lend, may repair to John Campbell Post-Master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: advertisement of attorneys for John Childe, as in January 28.]

**R. E.**

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** February 4. to **Monday** February 11. 1705, 6.

**NY**

**[T**HREE and a half columns of foreign and a half column of domestic news make this issue, the foreign news being from Vienna, Dresden, Mechlin, Madrid, Paris, Hague and the imperial camp at Soncino.]

*Lynn, Febr. 8.* On *Tuesday* the 29th last, Mr. *Joseph Newhall*, our Representative in the General Court, was at *Salem*; and presuming to go home late at night, notwithstanding the Violence of the Storm of Snow; Wandered out of *Reading-Road*, which was his Way; and declining still to the Left-hand, cross'd *Boston Road*; and so perished between the *Butts* and the *Spring-Pond*.

Boston, Coasters Cleared Outwards, Samuel Dutch in Sloop *Nightingal*, for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Cleared Outwards, William Bevis in

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Ship Peace, for Topsham in England. Outward Bound, Giles Fifield in Boston-Merchant, for Nevis.

John Coleburn mentioned in our Last to be Lost in the Storm of Snow, was found dead the 5th Instant, near to Mr. Ruggles's Barn at Roxbury.

Last Week was a moderate Thaw.

### Advertisements.

**A** Ny Person that wants to Borrow Money at Interest upon good Security, may Repair to John Campbell Post-Master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: advertisement of attorneys for John Childe, as first in January 28.]

**R. E.**

Rumb. 96.

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From **Monday** February 11. to **Monday** February 18. 1705, 6.

**NY**

[**M**ORE than three columns of this two page issue are filled with foreign news. For the most part this is of July, 1705, dates from Rome, Warsaw, Paris, Berlin, Hague, Turin, Zurich, Lisbon and other European capitals. There are detailed reports from the camp of the duke of Marlborough. The domestic news is meagre, relating principally to shipping.]

New-York, Febr. 4. Entered Outward Bound, Adolph for Rhode-Island, Manning for Jamaica, Capt. Jeffers and 2 or 3 more for London, Via Virginia, with Convoy.

Rhode-Island, Febr. 14. On the 9th Instant arrived here Capt. Benjamin Ellery from Curacoa, 4 weeks passage, who says, that there is a Fleet of French Men of War, consisting of 22 Sail come to Martinico, who were 30 Sail when they came out of France, but meeting with an English Squadron took 5 of them, the other 3 are missing, and they know not what is become of them. On the Fleets arrival at Martinico, they call'd in all their Privateers, but on what design not Known

Capt. Avery a Privateer Sloop of Curacoa took a French Privateer Briganteen of 90 men, and a Sloop of 80 men, & brought both in to Curacoa, where they were Sold at a Vandieu, the Owner that fitted them out at Petit-Guavus being there then a Trading, bought them both again.

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Piscataqua, Febr 15. On Monday 11 Currant arrived here Samuel Dutch in a Sloop from Boston, having on Board the Hon. Col. Tho. Povey Esqr. Lieut. Gov. of Her Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, who intends on Thursday next to Imbark on Board Capt. Jarvenin for Lisbon, and so to England.

Boston, Coasters Entered Inwards, *Thomas Lothrop* in Sloop *Diamond* from the *Vineyard*. Foreign, *Nicholas Thomas Jones*, in Sloop *Industry*, from *N-Carolina*. Cleared Outwards, *Samuel Long*, Brig. *Sarah*, for *Jamaica*. Outward Bound for *London*, Capt. *Benjamin Gillam*, in Ship *Reward*. *New-York*, *Alexander Duncan*, Sloop *Friendship*; *Rhode-Island*, *John Lothrop*, Sloop *Diamond*. *Pensilvania*, *Eleazar Darby*, Sloop *Elizabeth*. *North Carolina*, *Ebenezar Coffin*, Sloop *Dolphin*. *Jamaica*, *Joseph Pulsifer*, Ship *William* and *Sarah*.

Last week the first 3 days of it we had a moderate Thaw, on Wednesday about noon it began to Rain, & continued till Fryday about noon, which has carried away the Snow off the Streets of Boston, where it lay very deep, that hardly the appearance of it is to be seen: Fryday night and Saturday we had a hard Frost.

Last week returned Capt. Brown, Capt. Tyng and Capt. Stevins with their Companies all well and in health after 17 days march into the Woods, 50 miles above the Heads of the Frontiers from between Connecticut River & Merrimack, in the late great Storm of Snow, but neither discovered nor met with any of the Enemy.

On Saturday the 16th Currant, His Excellency our Governour was pleased further to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province, that stood Prorogu'd to the last Wednesday of this Month, unto Wednesday the 10th of April next.

**Advertisements.**

**A** Ny person that wants to put out a Child a Nursing on the Breast, may repair unto John Campbell Post-Master of Boston, and know further.

**A** Negro Man Slave about 21 years Old, speaks good English. **A** To be Sold by Capt. Thomas Leasenby, and to be seen at his House in the Back-street in the North-End of Boston, near to Mr. Hiller's.

**A** House Lott of Land on the South-side in School-House-Lane in Boston, opposite to Joseph Melims, containing 44 Foot Front, and 88 Foot Rear to be Sold on reasonable terms; Enquire of Mr. Isaac Biscum, Barber, near to the Old-Meeting-House, and know further.

**A**ny person that wants good Bills in Barbadoes for an Hundred Pound here in Boston: Inquire of John Campbell Post Master, and know further.

[Reprinted: money to loan, as in February 11.]

**P. E.**

**Rumb. 97.**

## **The Boston News-Letter.**

From **Monday** February 18. to **Monday** February 25 1705, 6.

**NY**

**[F**OREIGN news of July and August, 1705, from London, Venice, Milan, Lisbon, Rome, Turin, Vienna, Hague, Hamburg and elsewhere, and from several of the military camps on the continent, occupy this four page issue to the almost complete exclusion of domestic news.]

Boston, On Wednesday the 20th. Currant, we had an Easterly Storm of Snow, Wind and Rain; The said day returned here Capt. William Rowse in a Briganteen from Port-Royal, who Sailed from hence the 29th. of December last, with some French Prisoners to be Exchanged for Ours; And he brought with him 17 English Prisoners.

Coaster, Cleared Outward, Nath. Loring for Connecticut. Foreign Cleared Outward for South Carolina, Samuel Boyce in Briganteen Susan. For St. Christophers, Thomas Clarke Sloop Endeavour, for Jamaica Bartholomew Green Briganteen Swan. Outward bound, Thomas Porter for St. Christophers in Sloop New-London.

### **Advertisements.**

**L**ately Published a Discourse concerning Earthquakes, occasioned by the Earthquakes which were in New-England, in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, June 16 And in Connecticut-Colony, June 22d. 1705. Also Two Sermons shewing that Sin is the greatest evil; and that to Redeem TIME is the greatest Wisdom: By the Reverend Mr Increase Mather. Sold by Benjamin Eliot, at his Shop under the West-end of the Town-House in Boston.

**G**ood Barbadoes Rhum by the Hogshead or Tearse, to be Sold by Mr. Joseph Hiller at his House in the Back-street beyond the Mill-bridge in the North End of Boston near the upper end of Coney's-Lane.

**A**N Negro Woman to be Sold by John Campbell, Post-Master, and to be seen at his House next door to the Anchor-Tavern in Boston. As also a parcel of very good Flax.

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[Reprinted: house for sale, and Exchange bills for Barbadoes, as in February 18.]

R. E.

Number. 98.

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From Monday February 25. to Monday March 4 1705, 6.

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[A FOUR PAGE folio, more than three pages filled with foreign news, including an account of the meeting of the English Parliament; war dispatches, and reports from Yarmouth and other ports of a great storm and marine disasters.]

*Plimouth, [Eng] August 12.* On Friday night last we had a terrible Storm, in which several Merchant Ships were lost; part of which were, . . . . *Owners Adventure*, Capt. *Stubbs* from Barbadoes; *Somerset*, Capt. *Wickstead*, from Barbadoes; with 3 or 4 others whose Names I cannot learn.

*New-York, Febr. 18.* This day arrived here a Briganteen from *Nevis*, in 15 days, *William Stanton* Master, by whom we have advice, that the King *William* Pacquet-Boat was arrived there (a few days before he Sailed) from *England* with the ill news of many of the Eastern Fleet being taken by a Squadron of Nine *French* Men of War, and 2 Privateers, Commanded by Monsieur *St. Paul*, their Convoy is said to be the *Greenwich*, *Jersey* and one other Man of War, who maintained a Fight of 8 hours with great Gallantry, but at last were obliged to submit to Number; in which action Monsieur *St. Paul* was killed.

We are further advised, that the *Martinico* Privateers are all gone to *Tobago*, where are expected 12 Men of War from *France* which with 3 at *Martinico* are to undertake some Enterprize.

They write from *Philadelphia*, that the Homeward bound *Virginia* Fleet for *England* are to Sail the latter end of *April* next, and that 2 more Men of War are expected there from *Lisbon*, to strengthen the Convoy: Two or three Vessels from hence design to take the opportunity of that Convoy. Capt. *Grevenraet* designs to Sail for *Boston* in a fortnight.

*Hartford, Feb. 18.* The late excessive Rains we have had, has occasioned a very great Flood, which would have been much greater, had not the Wind chop'd about to N. W. and notwithstanding, the like has not been this 14 or 15 years, we do not yet hear of much damage done by it.

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*Piscataqua, March 1. On Friday the 15th of February last, Capt Jarvenin Sailed from hence to Lisbon.*

*Marblehead, March 1. On Wednesday the 20th of February last, we had a Violent Storm, wherein we lost two of our Fishing Shallops, and four men out of one of them.*

*Boston, Coaster Entered Inward, James Webber from Piscataqua. Cleared Outward, Daniel Wair and Anthony Bracket for Piscataqua; Alexander Duncan Sloop Friendship, for New York. Outward bound for London, John Wilde, Ship Dove, David Mason, Ship, William & Hannah; for Monserat, Thomas Taylor, Brigantien Experiment; Andrew Wager, Sloop Endeavour; for Barbadoes, Andrew Wilson, Sarah Galley.*

*This is to give Notice, that the Western Post, to Connecticutt, New-York and Philadelphia Sets out on Monday the 4th Currant, at 3 a Clock in the Afternoon, to return on Saturday next; and so to continue for once a week till December; he also carries with him the Southern Maile for Rhode-Island.*

### Advertisements.

**T**HE Tan-Yard lately in the Occupation of Capt. Bozoon Allen, where he lately dwelt near to the Prison in Boston, To be Lett on reasonable Terms: Enquire of John Campbell Post-master, and know further.

**T**He Christians Exercise by Satans Temptations: Or an Essay to discover the Methods which this Adversary useth to Tempt the Children of GOD; and to Direct them how to escape the mischief thereof; being the Substance of several Sermons Preached on that Subject, from that Text, 1 Chron. 21. 1. By the Reverend Mr. Samuel Willard.

As also a Sermon of Brotherly Love, Preached by him on the Lecture, from Heb. 13 1. Let Brotherly Love continue. Sold by Benjamin Eliot at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in Boston.

**A**Certain person wants a single able man to Drive a Team in Boston; If any such will repair to John Campbell Post-master of Boston, they may have Encouragement for that Work.

**A**N Negro Woman to be Sold by John Campbell, Post-Master, and to be seen at his House next door to the Anchor-Tavern in Boston.

**L**ast year the Undertaker of this Publick Print of Intelligence for both Foreign and Domestick Occurrences in Numb 51. gave you an Account of his Motive to Print, viz. To give a True Relation of Affairs, Remarkable Providences that occur'd, and to prevent a

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great many false Reports of the same; As also a Specimen of the Trouble and Charge attending it, to which he still refers you: And now acquaints you, That notwithstanding at the Generous desire of several Gentlemen, Merchants and others who were willing to promote such a Publick Good, by Contributing this Second Year for its support, yet the Undertaker has not had a sufficient number to defray the Necessary Charge of it, by reason of a great many, as well, nay better able than some who do Contribute, that are so backward to promote so good a Publick Work; Whereas did every Town in this and the Neighbouring Provinces take but One a Week per. Annum, the Charge to some of them would not amount to 2d. a man, and to the most not above 4d. or 6d. where it goes by the Post, which if they did, would be a good Motive to carry it on: And were there a Competent number to take it, the Undertaker would be enabled to Print a Sheet instead of half a Sheet, and to settle Correspondents everywhere so as to have the Occurrences some Months sooner than Now they are, and to Polish the Print better which would make it far more acceptable than now it is; for want whereof the Undertaker cannot now do, as he would. Therefore all persons in Town and Country in this and the Neighbouring Provinces, who have not already paid according to Agreement for this Currant year for said Intelligence, are now desired to do it: And such who have a mind to encourage the supporting and carrying it on for a third year, are hereby Advertised by Word or Writting to Agree with John Campbell Post-master of Boston for the same, that before this second year (which ends the last of April next) is elapsed, it may be known, If it can be undertaken for the third year, which if encouraged to be continued that it drop not for 4 or 5 Weeks as it did in the beginning of this year, by reason of several Encouragers Postponing to take it at the beginning that afterwards did.<sup>134</sup>

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[A FOUR PAGE sheet<sup>135</sup> of eight columns, over six of which are filled with foreign news, mostly concerning the war, from Berlin,

134 Although in this advertisement, as also again in the issue of March 25, Campbell asserts that the News-Letter was suspended for several weeks, that was not the fact. As the pages of this volume show, copies of the News-Letter for every week of 1705 and every week of 1706 to December 2 are now extant. Why Campbell should have made that statement cannot now be divined.

135 This enlargement to a full sheet would indicate that Campbell had

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Paris and Vienna, of August, 1705, dates; and from the duke of Marlborough's camp at Ramee an account of the battle on the banks of the river Adda.]

*Barbadoes, Novemb. 22d.* Six days ago arrived here from *Nevis* Mr. *Samuel Frazon* Merchant, whom I formerly Wrote you was feared to be Lost in coming from on board a Man of War, a Storm rising drove them to Sea, where they lay driving 6 days, without any manner of Subsistance either Bread or Water; at last were drove on Shore at St. *Vincent*, where the Indians stript him naked as soon as he Landed: his two Sailours dyed in a little time after, but his Negro surviv'd the Calamity; Mr. *Frazon* continued in that condition 3 Months, at last the Indians carried him over to *Martinico*, where he paid to the value of 17 or 18 Pistoles for his Ransom, but they would not let him redeem his Negro, but keeps him still: from *Martinico* he came to *Nevis*. At the same time another Boat with two Negro's drove off to Sea, and Landed the same day at St. *Vincent*.

*New-York, March 4.* On the 19th of *February* last arrived here a Sloop from St. *Thomas* in 14 days, *Samuel Martin* Master, by whom we are informed, that 14 Men of War Sailed from *France* for the *West-Indies*, but in or near the Chanel were separated by a Storm, & only 6 of them were arrived at *Martinico*, which are Sailed from thence to *Guardaloop* with 22 Privateers to take on Board Land Forces in order to attack the Leward-Islands; 'tis said had the 14 Men of War all arrived, their Design was against *Barbadoes*, and from thence to the other Islands, but 8 Ships being missing, they have wav'd that intention, and 'tis feared the Leward-Islands are in danger. It is reported the 8 *French* Men of War that are missing are taken by a Squadron of *English* (I wish it prove so) but of this we have no positive account.

Capt. *Gincks* in the Privateer Briganteen *Dragon* (who Sailed from hence last Fall with upwards of 130 able men) off *Porto Rico* Engaged 2 *French* Privateers, the Tramoose and another Sloop, and had taken them had they not run, and having received damage in his Rigging & Sails could not follow them, the *French* Privateers got into St. *Thomas* being much shatter'd, and several men killed and wounded. The Privateer which boarded Capt. *Andrew Wilson* of *Boston*, mentioned in your News-Letter Numb. 91 was also at St. *Thomas's*, and acknowledges *Wilson* killed him 22 men.

The *English* daily Courants of *October* informs us, That not the

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received the encouragement which he asked, that would enable him to "print a sheet instead of half a sheet." See his advertisement in March 4. Later appeals, however, show that he did not obtain the desired support. With the issue of March 18 a return is made to the half sheet size.

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*Greenwich* and *Jersey* mentioned in my last to be the Convoys of the Eastland Fleet attacked by 9 *French* Men of War and 2 Privateers, commanded by Monsieur St. *Paul*, but that it was the *Pendennis*, *Blackwell* and another Man of War, who made a brave resistance e're they were taken, wherein Monsieur St. *Paul* was kill'd, and 200 of his Ships Crew. [Then are printed several other foreign news items.]

There are Outward bound 3 Vessels for *St. Thomas*, 1 for *Barbadoes*, 1 for *Nevis*, 3 for *London*, via *Virginia*.

*Watertown*, March 6. The middle Precinct, Mr. *Daniel Warren* of this Town, aged about 80 years, being well and in health at Meeting on the Lords-Day the 24th of *February* last, just before the beginning of the Morning Exercise, he suddenly sunk down dead.

*Hampton*, March 8. On Fryday the 1st. Currant a sad accident fell out here, a Man falling a Tree, it fell upon one of his own Sons of about 7 years old, his Fathers darling, and dash'd him to pieces, so that he never spake or stirr'd more.

*Rhode-Island*, March 8. Yesterday arrived here *Robert Smith* in *Briganteen Dragon*, from *Surranam* 11 weeks passage, who lost all his Horses in going there, he and his men were near perishing for want of Water, having 13 Weeks passage to *Surranam*. This day arrived here *Loring* and *Duncan* from *Boston*.

*Boston*, *Abel Jones* from *Jamaica* came from Blewfields last, had about 8 weeks passage, brings no News.

Coasters Entered Outward, *James Webber* for *Piscataqua*, *John Lothrop* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *Abel Jones* in *Briganteen Amity* from *Jamaica*. Cleared Outwards, *Joseph Foy*. *Dwaal Frigot*, for *Barbadoes*, *Ebenezar Parker* Sloop *Dolphin* for *Bermuda*, *James Gold* Sloop *Hopewell* for *Pensilvania*, *Joseph Berrey* Sloop *New-London*, for *St. Christophers*, *Joseph Johnson* Sloop *Elizabeth* for *Salem* in *New-Jersey*. Outward Bound, *Stephen Pain* in Ketch *Martha* for *Tercera*, *John Tucker* in Sloop *Hope*, for *Roanoke*, *Solomon Gardner* Sloop *Mary*, for *Newfoundland*, *Job Hilliard* Ketch *Adventure*, for *Fyall*.

### Advertisements.

**A**Certain Tract of Land in Kittery in the Province of Main in New-England, near to Capt. Ichabod Plaisted's, containing 110 Acres, borders on *Piscataqua* River, having on it two good Orchards, a good quantity of fresh Meadow, and good Oak and Pine Timber. To be Sold by *Thomas Short* at the Printing-House in the South End of *Boston*.

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A Negro Woman Aged about 24 years of Age to be Sold by Mr. Peter Barbour Tailour near the Town-House in Boston.

Good Wine Vinegar very cheap, to be Sold by Joseph Maylim at his House in School-house Lane in Boston.

*Magnalia Christi Americana: Or, The Ecclesiastical History of New-England, from its first Planting in the year 1620, unto the year of our Lord, 1698,* in Folio, containing 820 Pages, in 7 Books 1. Antiquities in 7 Chapters, with an Appendix 2. Containing the Lives of the Govouernours, & Names of the Magistrates of N. England, in 13 Chapters, with an Appendix. 3 The Lives of 60 famous Divines, by whose Ministry the Churches of New-England have been planted and continued. 4. An Account of the University of Cambridge in New-England, in Two parts. The first contains the Lives, the Benefactors, and Vicissitudes of Harvard College, with remarks upon it. The Second part contains the Lives of some Eminent Persons Educated in it. 5. Acts and Monuments of the Faith and Order in the Churches of New-England, passed in their Synods; with Historical Remarks upon those Venerable Assemblies; and a great Variety of Church Cases occurring, and resolved by the Synods of those Churches; in four Parts. 6. A Faithful Record of many Illustrious, Wonderful Providences, both of Mercies and Judgments, on divers Persons in New-England; in 8 Chapters. 7. The Wars of the Lord. Being an History of the Manifold Afflictions & Disturbances of the Churches in New-England, from their Various Adversaries, and the Wonderful Methods and Mercies of GOD in their Deliverance; in 6 Chapters. To which is Subjoyned, An Appendix of Remarkable Occurrences which New-England had in the Wars with the Indian Salvages, from the year 1688 to the year 1698. By the Reverend and Learned Cotton Mather, M. A. and Pastor of the North Church in Boston, New-England. To be Sold by Benjamin Eliot at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in Boston: Price 20s.

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[THREE of the four columns of this issue are filled with foreign news which includes an account of the siege and capture of the town of Leuwe, August 28-September 7, 1705, sent from the camp of the duke of Marlborough at Tirlemont; and also dispatches from Constantinople, Madrid, Vienna, Hamburgh and Hague.]

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*Jamaica, Febr. 6.* There is arrived here from *Boston*, *John Ventiman*, and *John Welsh*, and *Thomas Pemberton* from *Rhode-Island*, who sprung his Mast in the Voyage.

One *Cebra* Sailed 4 days ago for *New York*. And this day Sails for *London*, 3 Merchant men, *viz.* the *Gold-Frigot*, the *Dolphin*, and *Maremaid*; for *Boston*, *Jonathan Armitage*, *John Pitts*, and *Thomas Hunt*, the last whereof sprung a Leak and returned again; *William Goddard* in a *Briganteen* Sailed also for *St. George's*.

Her Majesties Ship the *Experiment* bound from *Jamaica* to *Barbadoes* met with a *French* Merchant-man of 200 Tuns, loaden with *Cocoa*, and brought her in here.

About the latter end of *Jan.* last, Her Majesties Ship the *Bristol* and *Folston* met with 10 Sail of Merchant-men bound from *Petiguavus* to *France* under Convoy of Two *French* Men of War of 24 and 30. Guns a piece out of which Capt. *Anderson* Commadore of the *English* took 6 *French* Merchant men Loaden with *Sugar*, *Cocoa*, *Cochenile* and *Indigo*, which were brought in here. And upon their Arrival a Court of Admiralty was held by Admiral *Whetstone*, who took Capt. *Anderson's* and the Officers Commissions from them, for not Engaging the Two *French* Men of War and the other Ships, and has reserved them for a further Tryal in *England*.

A *Dutch* Privateer of *Curacoa* brought in here a *French* Prize Sloop, who gave an Account of 14 Sail arrived from *France* at *Martinico*, whereof some are Merchant-men, and Fireships and Tenders.

*New-York, March 11.* On the 10th Instant, arrived here a Ship from *Jamaica* in 28 days, one *Mears* Master, who belongs to *Boston*.

Capt. *Ginks* with a small *Dutch* Privateer in Consort from *Curacoa*, has taken a *French* Privateer, and two very good Prizes, and carried them in to *Jamaica*.

*Hampton, March 15* On Tuesday the 12th Currant, a considerable parcel of very good fresh *Oranges*, some whole, some broken, were Cast ashore upon our Beach for some miles together, since which is come ashore a *Cane*, and a carved *Lion*, whereby we are afraid of some Vessel inward bound being Lost.

*Boston, Monday the 11th.* Instant being the Annual Election-day for Town-Officers, There was chosen to Serve as Select or Townsmen, Messieurs\* *Timothy Thornton*, *Daniel Oliver*, *John Barnard*, *Thomas Fitch*, *Thomas Jackson*, *Daniel Pounding*, *Thomas Cushing*, \**Samuel Greenwood*, and *Joseph Prout*, who is also Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer.

Those that have this Mark \* before their Names are New Officers. <sup>136</sup>

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136 In the Boston Town Records, Pounding appears Powning; Barnard, Barnerd.

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In our Number 49. we gave you the preceding years Bill of Mortality; and in this we give you last years Bill of the Persons Buried in the Town of Boston, besides those who dyed abroad, many of the Inhabitants of Boston being Seafaring men, are not Reckoned in this Catalogue.

March	14	July	29	November	15	70
April	18	August	31	December	18	102
May	18	September	24	January	16	66
June	20	October	18	February	17	—
	—		—		—	238
	70		102		66. Negro's	44
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						282

Coaster Entered Inward, *Carteret Gillam* in Sloop *Tryal* from *Connecticut*. Foreign Inward, *William Rowson* Sloop *Elizabeth*, from *Axuma*, *Jonathan Armitage*, in Brigt. 3 Sisters, from *Jamaica*. Cleared Outward, *Joseph Pulsifer*, Ship *William* and *Sarah*, for *Jamaica*; *Stephen Paine*, Ketch *Martha*, for *Tercera*; *Jacob Legay*, *Mitchel's Prize*, and *Matthew Vibert*, *Friends Adventure*, for *Barbadoes*. Outward Bound, *John Waters*, Ship *Betty*, for *Barbadoes*; *Archibald Ferguson*, Sloop *Flying Horse*, for *Newfoundland*; *John Charnock*, Ship *Society*, for *Jamaica*; *William Blair*, Briganteen *John Abiel*, for *England*; *James Smith* Ship *America*, for *Leward Islands*.

### Advertisements.

**A**ny Person that wants to bind out a Lad or Lads to learn the Trade of a Man or Womans Tailour, let them repair to John Campbell Postmaster in Boston, who will help them to a good Master.

[Reprinted: negro woman to be sold by John Campbell; as in March 4.]

**M. E.**

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From **Monday** March 18. to **Monday** March 25. 1706

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[**A**n unusual amount of foreign news compelled the enlargement of this issue to four pages or eight columns, only one of which is reserved for domestic items and advertisements. There are sixty-six foreign items, chiefly of war news from London, Paris, Venice, Vienna, Rome, Madrid, Hamburg, Turin, Zurich, Lisbon, Hague and elsewhere of preceding August, September, October, November and December dates.]

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*Boston*, On the 18th Currant arrived here a Sloop in 14 days from *Barmuda*, *John Stevens* Master, who says, That just as he was coming away, there arrived one *Fowles* in a Sloop from *Antigua*, 14 days passage, who informed that when he left *Antigua*, he saw about 36 sail of *French* Ships and other Vessels off that Island; And that Colonel *Johnson*, Commander in Chief was preparing for the Defence of the Island, in case of an Attack; the Inhabitants were in Arms, and that 500 Negroes well Armed were Marched into *St. Johns*; The Commander in Chief Encouraged them to prove themselves men in Fighting to defend themselves and the place from the Enemy, which they promised to do.

Master *Stevins* further says, that there was a Sloop arrived at *Barmuda* from *Barbadoes* about a Month ere he came from thence, that informed of a large Ship, with 6 or 7 more just going in to *Barbadoes* as the Sloop came out, who is thought to be the *Deptford* Man of War that went from hence, with part of the Fleet under her Convoy.

On Fryday the 22d. Arrived here Capt. *Michael Gill*<sup>137</sup> from *Lisbon*, about 5 Weeks passage, by whom we have the following Advice by Prints and Letters. [Here follow two columns of foreign news, among which under date of London, Decemb. 21. is this item; "Ordered that the Commissioners of Trade, do lay before this House a State of the Trade with Newfoundland and the Western-Islands."]

The Oranges mentioned in our last to be found on *Hampton Beach*, were some hove Overboard in *Ipswich Bay* by *Rowlson* from *Axuma*, and the Carved Lyon and Cane had been there a year before, which thro' a mistake of our Informers was said to come then ashore.

On Thursday night last, Sampson Waters, a Young man went well to Bed, and was found dead next morning.

Coasters Inward, *Giles Hall* from *Connecticut*, & *Joseph Allen* from *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inward, *John Leigh*, Ship *Sarah*, from *Liverpool*, *John Stevens*, Sloop *Mary Rose* from *Nevis*, *Thomas Hunt*, Sloop *Panther*, *John Welch*, Sloop *Larke*, and *Matthew Soley* Sloop *Rebecca*, from *Jamaica*; *Richard Dafforne*, Ketch *Fisher*, from *Virginia*, and Capt. *Michael Gill*, Ship *John* and *Timothy*, from *Lisbon*. Cleared Outwards for *Barbadoes*, *John Fisher*, Sloop *Blackthorne*, *John Walters* Sloop *Betty*, *Lewis Hunt*, Ship *Victory*, for *Jamaica*, *Nathaniel Balston*, *Elizabeth* and *Mary*, for *London*, *John Wild* Ship *Dove*, for *Newfoundland*, *Solomon Gardner*, Sloop *Mary*. Outward Bound for *Barbadoes*, *John Welch* in Sloop *Larke*.

New-York, March 18. On the 13th arrived here one *Santford* in

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137 A graphic account of Captain Gill's sea fight in the harbor of *St. Johns*, *Newfoundland* in August, 1704, is in the *News-Letter* No. 25, p. 130 *ante*.

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a Sloop from South-Carolina, who says, a Sloop and Ship belonging to Boston was there, Flint & (I suppose) Wing Masters: A Vessel arrived there from Barbadoes gave account, That the French Fleet in the West-Indies were gone to attack S. Christophers'. <sup>138</sup>

On the same day arrived Capt. Basset from Madera, who left it the 4th of February, and just before he Sailed a Galley arrived there from Portsmouth a very short passage, . . . . Four days before Cap. Basset came in, he spoke with a Ship from Jamaica bound to Boston.

Several Vessels Outward Bound for Nevis, Jamaica, & 3 for London Via Virginia; Gravenraet, Adolph and Duncan for Boston.

Rhode-Island, March 22. On the 18th arrived Ephraim Breed in a Bark from Providence, who 10 days ago spoke with a Sloop from Jamaica bound to New-York, who said that the Packet-Boat from Spain was taken and brought in to Jamaica, and by Letters found on Board her, they perceived that there was a French Squadron coming out to take Jamaica, who were preparing themselves to receive them.

Gould, Darby & Carter are gone to the Westward, Lathrop is still here.

### Advertisements.

**G**ood Share Moulds to be Sold by Mr. Nathaniel Ayres at his Shop near the Salutation at the North-End of Boston.

**T**HIS Publick Print of Intelligence is to be continued to the first of May next, and all Persons who have a mind that the Under-taker should carry it on a third year, and are willing to Contribute for promoting such a Publick good, are hereby **desired to Agree** with John Campbell Post-master of Boston for the same, that it may be known before the first of May, If any Tollerable Competent number do Agree to take it, so as it can be proceeded on of New, that it drop not for 4 or 5 Weeks, as it did in the beginning of this Currant year, by reason of several delaying to take it at first, that afterwards did agree to have it. <sup>139</sup>

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138 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 561, in connection with an account of the cause and nature of the distress of St. Christopher, pp. 561-562, 565-567. See News-Letter Nos. 103, 104 (account of the attack on St. Christopher), 105, ("Brief" of Governor Dudley recommending aid for the sufferers at St. Christopher), 107, 108, 109 *post*. This was the fleet commanded by the Sieur d'Iberville, who, after operating in the West Indies, purposed, as his men divulged at Jamaica, to attack New York, thus occasioning a hurried fortification of that city, and also some preparation for resistance in New England. See News-Letter Nos. 110 and 111 *post*. Also, see Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, page 157, under date Apr. 4, 1706.

139 See News-Letter No. 98 *ante*, foot-note, p. 295.

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[Reprinted: tailor's apprentice wanted, as in March 18; man wanted to drive a team, as in March 4.]

A. E.

Number. 102.

# The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday March 25. to Monday April 1. 1706.

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[A RETURN is made to the two page folio. The foreign news which fills all but about three quarters of a column includes principally a page account of the opening of the English Parliament in the preceding October and a report of the queen's speech on that occasion.]

*London, Decemb. 25* The Adventure of and for *London* and the Providence of *Topsham* from *Boston* in *N. England*, arrived at *Plymouth* the 20th Instant, having been separated 14 days before in bad weather from 8 Sail more under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the *Guernsey*.

*London, Jan. 1.* Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey*, with the Vessels under her Convoy from *Boston* are safe arrived except *Stone* and *Lowder*. There is also arrived at *Bristol* from *New-York*, 2 of Her Majesties Ships of War, but none of the Vessels under their Convoy. The Mast Fleet for *New England* will Sail in 3 months.

*New-York, March 25.* On the 19th arrived Capt. Dehart in the Ship *Katherine* from *Madera*.

On the 21st arrived Capt. Plummer in a Brigt. from Barmudas in 20 days, who came from Bristol in Octob. last bound hither, but was blown off the Coast, by whom we are acquainted that a Sloop arrived at Barmuda from Antigua, who saw the French Fleet consisting of 36 Sail off that Island, and that there was upwards of 2000 men on Antigua that were in Arms ready to defend themselves if attacked. That Capts. Tongrelow & Penniston who Sailed from hence last Christmas were arrived at Barmuda, & gone from thence to Barbadoes; Cap. Penniston overset at Barmuda, whereby he lost 5 Guns & damnified his Powder. That a French Ship was brought in to Barmuda by a Privateer of that Island, of 2 Guns & 17 men, loaden with Sugar; she is a Ship of 120 Tuns, & one of 6 that was bound from Martinico to France; A Dutch Man of War took 3 of them before; The Prize is daily expected here with her Loading to be Sold: The Capt. of the French Ship is said to be a Protestant, and is come a Passenger in Plummer.

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On the 23d Instant arrived one Braddick in a Sloop from Madera, who 3 weeks ago met with a Bermuda Sloop who had been 9 days out of Antigua, who said that she & 2 other Vessels that lay in one of the Harbours slipt their Cables and put to Sea. The French Fleet of 36 Sails separated themselves, and put into several Harbours of that Island, but could not tell if they Landed or not, but says, that there was 2500 men in Arms at Antigua, & 800 Negro's ready to defend it against any Attack of the Enemy.

On the 24 Arrived James Cebra from Jamaica in a Sloop.

The Philadelphia Post not yet come in.

New-port, Rhode-Island. March 28. Yesterday died Mr. Alexander Gordon of this Town.

*Scituate, March 27* On Fryday the 22d Instant, Dyed the Reverend Mr. *Jeremiah Cushing*, Minister of the Lower Precinct of this Town, aged about 51. Who was interr'd on Monday last.

On Fryday also *John Turner* of this Town went well from Home with his Cart and Oxen after Dinner, and fell ill, he desired the little boy his Son that went with him, to go and call his Mother, but ere she came, he was Speechless, and being carried Home, he Dyed that Evening about Eight of the Clock.

*Boston*, At a Town-Meeting on Fryday last, There was Chosen as Overseers of the Poor; *Simeon Stoddard, Thomas Palmer*, Esqrs and Messieurs, *John Borland, John Pitts, Henry Deering, Francis Clarke and William Westead*. And Chosen 'as Assessors, *Samuel Lyndes* Esq Capts. *Timothy Clark and Thomas Hutchinson*; and Messieurs, *Isaiah Tay, and James Barns.*<sup>140</sup> ✓

By way of *New-York* we are acquainted, that Mr. *Stantford* from *South Carolina* informs of one *Everton* of Boston being arrived there from *Barbadoes*, who says that Her Majesty's Ship the *Deptford* was arrived at *Barbadoes* from *Boston*, with the Vessels under her Convoy all safe.

Coaster Entered Inward, *Ebenezar Coffin*, Sloop *Ann*, from *Nantucket*. Outward, *Flood* for *Piscataqua*; *James Blin, John Hedge* and *Thomas Lathrop*, for *Connecticut*. Foreign Inward, *James Dean, Brigt. Dragon* from *Suranam*. Cleared Outward, *John Welch*, Sloop *Larke*, for *Barbadoes*, and *Archibald Ferguson*, Sloop *Flying Horse*, for *Newfoundland*. Outward Bound, *Robert Sears*, Ship *Charles*, for *London*; *William Smallage*, Sloop *Prosperous*, for *Jersey*; *John Pitts*, Sloop *Rebecca*, for *Jamaica*; *John Leigh*, Ship *Sarah*,

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<sup>140</sup> In the Boston Town Records, Deering appears Dering; Clarke, Clark; Westead, Welstead; Lyndes, Lynd; Barnes, Barnes.

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for *Liverpool*; *Eleazar Moses*, Sloop *Content*, for *Newfoundland*; *Richard Hall*, Sloop *Lyon*, for *Barmuda*.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

B. E.

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[PROMINENCE is given on the first page of this issue to a proclamation of Governor Dudley for a General Fast, and then there follow a little more than one and a half columns of foreign news from Vienna, Turin, Frankfort and elsewhere, of preceding September dates.]

By His Excellency, JOSEPH DUDLEY, Esqr. Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the Massachusetts-Bay and New-Hampshire in New-England.

## A PROCLAMATION for a GENERAL FAST.

Having lately rendred all Humble Thanks and Praises to Almighty GOD for the Publick Blessings to Her Majesty, The Confederate Princes, and these Provinces, in Obedience to Her Majesties Especial command: And having yet the Consideration of the Great Troubles of Europe, by the continuance of the War with the common Enemy of the Repose of the Christian Nations; as well as our Own and our Neighbours Troubles with the French and Indians; and the Just Reason we have therefore to Implore the Divine Favour, for the Remission of our Great and Manifold Sins, that have justly displeased GOD.

I Have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to Appoint and Order, That Thursday the Eighteenth day of April Currant, be Solemnized as a day of Publick FASTING and PRAYER throughout these Provinces, Exhorting both Ministers and People in their several Assemblies, Religiously to attend the Solemn Services of the said Day; That by a sincere Repentance and steady Affiance in the Divine Mercy in their most humble Adresses, They may Obtain from GOD, That our Sovereign Lady the QUEEN, with the Nations and Territories under Her Happy Government, may always be under the Protection of Heaven, Her Majesties Life and Government long continued, Her Counsels and Just Arms prospered; the Designs of the barbarous Salvages against Us, defeated; Our Exposed Plantations preserved; And the poor Christian Captives in their Hands, returned;

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*That the Government of these Provinces may have the Divine Direction in all their Administrations; That Health may be continued, and the Ensuing Year Crowned with the Fruits of Divine Bounty; That Deliverance may speedily arise to the Church of God oppressed with the Tyranny of Antichrist; That every kind of Peace and Prosperity may be given and secured to Us and our Posterity, upon the firm and lasting foundations of the Divine Blessing & Favour.*

*And all Servile Labour upon the said Day is Inhibited.*

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Boston*, the Second Day of *April*, 1706. In the Fifth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GOD, of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith &c.

By Order of the Gover-  
nour and Council,  
*Isaac Addington, Secr.*

*J. DUDLEY.*

GOD Save the QUEEN.

*Madera, January 20.* We are acquainted by a Vessel 12 days Passage from *England*, that the *Leuwe* Man of War, Convoy to the Homeward Bound *Newfoundland* Fleet, was Lost going thorow the Needles, and 40 Men drowned.

*Jamaica, Febr. 1.* Our last Packet from *England* advise us, that — the Queen *Ann*, the *Anna Frigot*, the *Happy Return*, and 2 more — Ships, being part of the Homeward bound Fleet from hence to *Eng—land*, (that were separated in the violent Storm on the 18th of *Aug—ust* last, that the said Fleet met with in Lat. 38.) were Arrived in *Ireland* — and *Plimouth*.

*New-York, April 1.* There are 4 Sloops and A Brigt. bound for — *Jamaica*, *Duncan* and *Adolph* for *Boston*, and *Hicks* for *Rhode—Island*, *Gravenraet* Sailed for *Boston* on *Thursday* last; We have no — certain Account when the Fleet for *Engl.* will Sail from *Virginia*.

*Rhode-Island, April 5.* This day arrived here Benj *Cranston* 6 — weeks passage from *Suranam*, who sprung his Mast, & was forced to — *St. Christophers*, where he arrived 7 days after the French Fleet had left it; They consisted of 4 Men of War, some of them 70 Gun Ships, and 28 Sail of Privateers, the Enemy Landed 3000 men; there was but 500 English to resist them, who did the best they could, and kept to their Forts; but sent several Parties out, who kill'd several of the Enemy, and the English lost but one man; the Enemy stayed there 4 days, who took the whole place, except the Forts, which they never Attacked: They did all the Damage they could, by burning the Towns, Mills and Canes, kill'd Horse and Cattle, and carryed away several Negroes. Before the Enemy went to *St Christophers*,

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they lay two days at Nevis Battering there, but durst not Land; they never Attacked Antigua, only came in sight of it, and so went by Montserrat to St. Christophers. The Privateers quarrelled with the Men of War, because they did not Batter the Forts: It is supposed that the Enemy design next for Curacao. They daily expect from England a Fleet of 18 Sail at the Leward Islands to Attack Martinico. As Mr. Cranston left St. Christophers he saw a Vessel which he judged to be a Packet from England. <sup>141</sup>

*Boston*, On Wednesday the 10th Currant, Sits the General Assembly of this Province; to which day the said Court stands Prorogu'd.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Richard Christophers, John Smith, and John Walker* from *Connecticut*; *Daniel Wair* from *Piscataqua*; *Thomas Lothrop, and Nathaniel Gardner*, from *Nantucket*; *William Rhodes* from *Rhode-Island*; and *Alexander Duncan* from *New-York*. Outward, *Anthony Bracket* for *Piscataqua*; *William Smallage* for *New-Jersey*. Foreign Inwards, *John Wallis, Ketch John and Deborah*, from *Virginia*; *Joseph English, Sloop Industry*, from *South-Carolina*. Cleared Outward, *Giles Hall, Sloop Lyon*, for *Barmuda*. Outward Bound for *Tercera, Samuel Carey, Brigt Three Sisters, Suranam, Edward Holloway in Dragon, Fyall, William Rowson, Elizabeth*; and *Moses Wadland, Sloop Seaflower*; *New-York, Samuel Darby, Sloop Flying Hart*; *Jamaica, Thomas Hunt, Sloop Panther*.

Advertisement.

[Reprinted: man wanted to drive a team, as in March 4.]

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[T]HIS issue, a four page folio, is largely filled with news of military operations in Spain. On the first page are manifestoes issued by Prince Charles of Austria, here designated as King Charles of Spain, and of the earl of Peterborough at the head of their troops before Barcelona. There is also an extract from a letter of Sir Cloudsly Shovel, on board the man-of-war Britannia, October 22, relating to the capture of Barcelona, and a letter from Prince Charles on the same subject. On the third page are communications from the junta of the military camp of Catalonia, and from the city of

141 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 565, in account of the distress of St. Christopher, pp. 561-562, 565-567.

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Vich thanking the queen of England for the assistance given to the Spanish cause by the English forces. On the same page is the letter of the earl of Peterborough to the queen, dated Barcelona, reporting the capture of that city. From Hague, September 29, is a report of the consideration of plans for settling the differences between the States of the Dutch Republic and the Pope of Rome. Domestic news and advertisements fill the two columns of the last page.]

St. *Christophers*, March 8. Having had Intelligence of a *French* Fleet designing to attack some of the Leward Islands, 13 Sail of Vessels appearing in sight of *Antigua* the 29th of *January* last, caused an Alarm, but the next day 30 Sail appearing, gave assurance 'twas the *French*, and by their actions were designed to Land on that Island; two Sloops were sent out to discover the strength and designs of the Enemy, one of which exchanged several Shot with one of the *French* Privateers, most of the small Vessels came within a League of *Five-Island* Harbour, and some within the outwardmost Island, the Wind blowing strong Northerly, the great Ships could not come to Windward; in this posture they lay till the 3d day at noon, during which time the Commander in Chief (Col. *John Johnson*) had in Arms about 1000 of the Inhabitants, 2 Companies of the Queen's Soldiers, about 300 Marines, & 250 Negroes, in all about 2000 men, with which he designed to meet the Enemy at Landing: The *Grayhound* Man of War lay then on the Careen, and her Guns ashore, and the Captain brought his men ashore to joyn the Forces there.

The Wind still blowing very hard, about noon the 3d day the Enemy's Commadore fired a Gun, & their whole Fleet went before the Wind to *Nevis*, where they arrived the 5th of *February*, & presumed to Land, but the Wind blowing hard caused a great Sea, which hindered their designs, the *English* lying in their Trenches ready to receive them in case of their Landing, sundry shot from the Fleet were sent on shore, some of which 24 Pounders; they Landed in the night a *French* man and a Negro, who were to burn the Canes, thinking we should leave our Trenches to extinguish the Fire, that they might have an opportunity to Land without any repulse, and accordingly they burnt about 80 Acres of Canes, but our men would not hazard the loss of the Island by deserting the Trenches for any sinister end; a small party was detached to look for the two men aforesaid, which were both found, & after Examination and Tryal were hang'd.

The Enemy finding it impossible for them to Land at *Nevis*, they went for St. *Christophers*, where they arrived the 10th of *February* at night, and Landed at three several places of the Island, and ranged from end to end, most of the Houses, Canes and Mills on the South-side are burnt, the North-side escaped, all but 5 or 6 Plantations ruin'd. The Enemy carried away some Negroes, the Loss sustained

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is considerable; our two Garisons of *Charles* Fort, and *Brimstone-Hill* were never attacked.

The General being in *Antigua* sent several Expresses to *Barbadoes* for Assistance; accordingly two Men of War came down to our relief, the *French* having notice of it on the 16th by an Express from *Martinico*, and supposing greater strength would follow, went away in great confusion. The Enemy's strength consisted of three 66 Gun Ships, 1 of 60, 1 of 58, 1 of 36, and 1 of 24 Guns, 4 Briganteens, and 21 Sloops, and near 3500 Men. From St. *Christophers* the 6 Men of War went for *Tobago*, and the rest for *Guardilope*. During these Alarms our Flag of Truce for Exchange of Prisoners was detained at *Martinico*, who gave an Account at her arrival in *Antigua*, that a Sloop from *France* to *Martinico* arrived some time before they Sailed, who said, that 8 Sail of Men of War Sailed from *Brest* two days before him, who were daily expected, and that their design was if possible, to take all the *English* Islands in the *West-Indies*.

The last Pacquet gave us an Account of Admiral *Wishart*'s designing to stop at these Islands with 15 Sail of *English* and *Dutch* Men of War from *England* in their way to *Jamaica*, of whose arrival we are much desirous, being at present under seeming dangerous Circumstances. An Embargo hath continued since the 29th of *January*, and Masters and men in case of any Alarm are to leave their Vessels, and joyn the Land Forces, Strangers to be fitted with Arms and Ammunition by the Publick, and to have 18 d. *per day* during their Service, and in case of loss of any Limb, to have *Eighteen Pound 15 s. per Annum* during Life.<sup>142</sup>

The *New-England* Fleet under Convoy of Her Majestys Ship the *Deptford* were arrived in *Barbadoes*, *Antigua*, and the rest of the Leward-Islands, except *Barnes* in a Sloop, who was taken and carried into *Martinico*. The Embargo on said Fleet (it's thought) will hinder most of them from going to *Saltertuda*.

A Sloop from *Virginia* to *Antigua*, in Lat. of said Island, found a Ship overset, with all her Masts, Sailes and Yards standing; (he being short of Provisions, his men were unwilling to go on Board her) & it's thought to be a *New-England* Vessel Loaden with Lumber.

Several Vessels now at *Nevis* and St. *Christophers*, will Sail in 14 days to the Northward, most for *New-England*.

New-York, April 8. We are advised from Philadelphia, that if the Men of War expected in *Virginia* do not arrive, the Homeward bound

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142 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 565, in connection with account of the distress of St. Christopher, pp. 561-562, 565-567. See News-Letter Nos. 105, 107, 108, 109 *post*.

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Fleet for England will Sail the latter end of this Month, or the first of May, most of the Ships being ready; And that if the Men of War do arrive before that time, their Orders are to tarry 20 days after their arrival, and no longer.

Our Vessels Outward bound to the Leward Islands will not Sail till we hear further of the French Fleet. Capt. Mears is Entered Outward for Jamaica.

Salem, April 13. On Tuesday last, Laurence Mazory of this Town, aged about 70 years, went out a Fishing, and was struck down with Death at his Fishing Line.

Boston, Abraham Hill in a Sloop from Antigua is arrived at Martha's-Vineyard, who last Fall came from Newfoundland bound hither, but was blown off the Coast, and put into Antigua, where Mr. William Charters of Charlestown Merchant, a Passenger on Board her, died.

On Fryday the 12th Currant, His Excellency Dissolved the General Assembly of this Province.

Coasters Entered Inward, *Flood* and *Jackson* from *Piscataqua*. Outward for *Rhode-Island*, *William Rhodes* and *Francis James*, for *Martha's-Vineyard*, *Thomas Lothrop*; for *Connecticut*, *Moses Wadland*; for *Nantucket* *Nathaniel Gardner*. Foreign Inwards, *Ephraim Breed*, Ship *Seaflower*, from *Jamaica*; *Andrew Gravenraedt*, Sloop *Ann*, from *New-York*; *Richard Ingesol*, Sloop *Seaflower*, from *Surranam*. Cleared Outwards, *John Leigh*, Ship *Sarah*, for *Beau-Moris* in *England*; *Giles Fyfield*, Ship *Boston-Merchant*, and *Joseph Flint*, Ship *Prudent Hannah*, for *Antigua*. Outward Bound for *NewYork*, *John Grose*, Sloop *Mary*; for *Nevis*, *John Stevins*, Sloop *Mary Rose*; for *Newfoundland*, *William Carket*, Sloop *Friends Adventure*, and *John White*, Ketch *Fisher*; for *Barbadoes*, *Thomas Ruck*, Briganteen *Fraternity*, and *William Thomas*, Briganteen *Amity*; for *Fyall*, *John Hoddy*, Briganteen *Adventure*.<sup>143</sup>

### Advertisements.

**A**Copper Still containing about 62 Gallons, with Worm & Worm-top, to be Sold; Enquire of John Campbell Postmaster of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: man wanted to drive a team, as in March 4; negro

143 The critical reader will not fail to observe in this paragraph the occasional use of capitals in Roman text for words that are otherwise italicized. The capital M is here most used in this manner, but on page 314 *post* the capitals C and E similarly appear. This is one of the many peculiarities of the News-Letter typography, and special attention is called to it for reason of its comparative inconspicuousness in a hasty reading. The errors were probably due to careless proofreading.

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woman to be sold, as in March 18; News-Letter advertisement, as in March 25.]

A. E.

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From Monday April 15. to Monday April 22. 1706.

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[THIS issue is also a four page folio, nearly three pages filled with foreign news. From Constantinople, August 3, 1705, is gossip of Turkish internal affairs; from Hague, October 2 and October 10, are various items of war news and reports of further negotiations between Holland and Rome; from Vienna, September 23 and October 3, and from Breslau, September 26, are reports of affairs in Poland and Hungary; other minor news, principally concerning the war, is from Berlin, Frankfort, Turin, Dantzick and other capitals. Among the domestic news is a "Brief" issued by Governor Dudley regarding the distress of St. Christopher.]

*London, Nov. 29.* The *Virginia* Fleet is all safe arrived, and the Fleet from *Barbadoes* that was left of the violent Storm, not above half loaden: We hear several of the *Jamaica* Fleet are arrived since the great Storm they met with, at *New-York*, & hope more may be at *Boston*.

Capt. *Bowditch* and *Minot* are put up for *New England*, Capt. *Pepril* bound for *New England* was Sailed, but meeting with a Storm, was forc't to return, who is now at *Plimouth*, and designs not to Sail till he has the opportunity of a Convoy.

*St. Christophers, March 10.* Two days ago arrived here a Ship from *England*, by whom we are acquainted, That *Cadiz* has submitted to King *Charles* the 3d That *Valentia* is taken. That 25 Sail of English men of War were coming from *England* to these Islands. We daily expect the *Pacquet* to inform us further.

*Montserrat, March, 21.* This day we espyed upwards of 40 Sail of French whereof 12 were large Ships, some of them supposed to carry 60 Guns, one fire Ship, and a Bomb Ketch; the rest were Briganteens, Ketches and Sloops: They lay three days before at *Antigua*, but the Wind being High, hindered their Landing: 'Twas expected they would Land this night at *Montserrat*, but we suppose they designed for *Nevis*. A Packet of 22 Guns newly arrived from *England*, and brings News, That the Spainards do dayly revolt from the Duke of *Anjou* to King *Charles* 3d.

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*South-Carolina, March 30.* Capts. *Flint* and *Belcher* are arrived here from *Boston* in *New-England*, the latter lost all his Masts. The 14th instant arrived here a Spanish Sloop, who was bound from *St. Augustines* to the *Havanna*, and had on board 13 Spaniards and 3 English Prisoners; The Prisoners rose up and kill'd the Spaniards all but 3 or 4, and brought the Sloop in here. The Gouvernour was pleased to condemn the said Vessel, and gave her to the Prisoners. Yesterday arrived here a Ship from *Liverpool*, 9 weeks passage, who informs us, that when he left *England*, they had the News of *Cadiz*, revolting from the Duke of *Anjou* to King *Charles* the 3d.

*Montserrat, March, 26.* On the 21st Currant, The *French* Fleet consisting upwards of 40 Sail were seen going to *Nevis*: but we have no News from thence, only we see Fires on the Land every Night, and hear Firing of Guns. Col. *Johnson* went down from *Antigua* to *Nevis* to their Assistance with 2 Sloops full of able Effective Men: We are making preparations for to withstand the Enemy, in case of an Attack: Two of Her Majesty's Men of War went for *Barbadoes* 3 days before the Enemy's Fleet came.

*Pattomack in Virginia, March 30.* On the 10th of *Jan.* last arrived here from *Barbadoes* the *Dublin Merchant*, a Ship of 10 Guns & 22 men, *Michael Broomlie* Master, who in her Voyage sprung her Fore-top-mast and was forced to bear away to the *Leward-Islands*, and going by *Nevis*, a *French* Privateer of 87 men came up with her, whom she fought 4 hours, & at last the Privateer boarded her, but *Broomlie* kill'd & carried to *St. Christophers* 50 of his men, the one half of *Broomlies* men were sick & not able to fight. It's said there is a Privateer of 16 Guns off the Capes of *Virginia*.

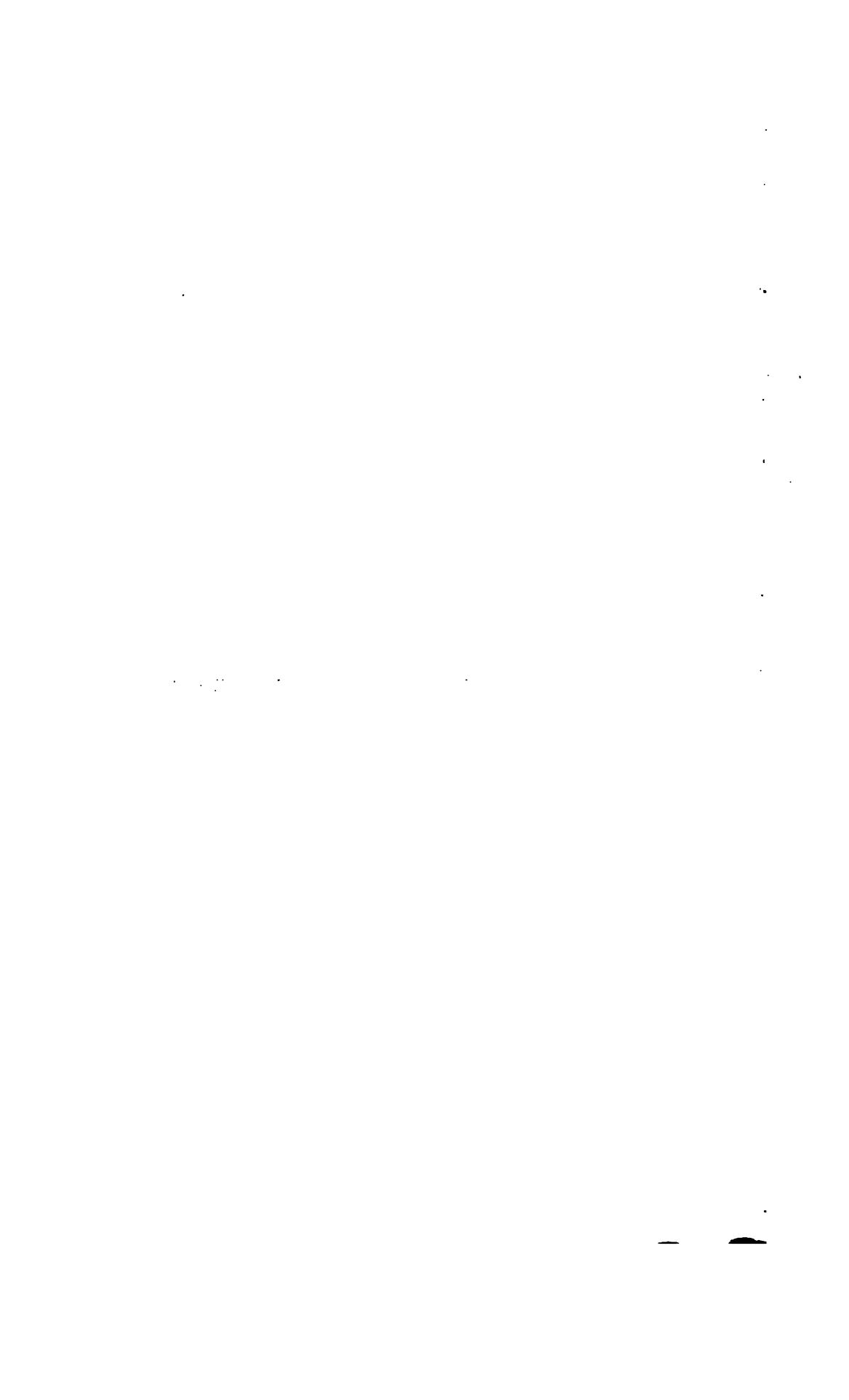
*Philadelphia, April 11.* We are acquainted by a Gentleman from *Maryland*, that a West-country-man from *England* was lately boarded by a *French* Privateer off the Coast of *Virginia*, who in boarding him lost 9 of his men that fell Overboard into the Sea, which while they were endeavoring to save, being also favou'rd with the night coming on, the Westcountryman got clear of him, and said that he brought 6 of the *French* mans hands into *Virginia* with him; that got on board him when the rest fell Overboard.

Vessels Outward bound are *Hamerton & Guy* for *London*, *Raymond* for *Jamaica*, and *Trot* for *Fyall*.

*New-York, April 15.* Capt. *Jeffers* & a Brigt. will Sail this week or next to *Virginia* for Convoy to *Engl.* Vessels Outward bound are *Wells* for *Madera*, *Sandford* for *Carolina*, *Moyon* for *Virginia*, & *Meers* for *Jamaica*. Capt. *Stanton* Sails this week for *Nevis*. Her majesties Ship *La[ow]staffe* will Sail this week on a Cruise. We are acquainted







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by a Gentleman lately come from England and Virginia, that Her Majesties Ship the Nonsuch that went from hence, was arrived at Falmouth.

*Boston*, Captain *Gilbert* from *Fyall* arrived here the 18th. Currant, by whom we are acquainted, That *Benjamin Stone* from *Boston* bound to *England* under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey*, was separated in bad Weather, and put in to *Fyall*; from whence he Sailed for *England* the 4th. of *January* last, in company with a Brigantien from *Philadelphia*.

In *December* last, There was Advertisements of a Negro man Slave, and an Indian's Running away from Mr *William Pepperil* of *Kittery* in the Province of *Main*, desiring they might be apprehended where ever they came, and by vertue of said Advertisements coming (in the News Letter) to *South-Caralonia*, whither the said Negro and Indian had travelled, the Governor of said place has secured the said Runaways for the Owner.

By Letters from *Nevis*, We are informed, That while the French Fleet lay before that Island about the 6th of *February* last, A Ship of 16 Guns belonging to *London*, and a Brigantien belonging to *Boston* in *N. England*, *Daniel Noyes* Master, both from the *Maderas* bound to *Jamaica*, fell in with said Fleet, who took them to be Friends, the Enemy gave them Chase, and the Ship and Brigantien run in to *Nevis* under the Fort, where they were protected, and when the Enemy were gone they proceeded on their Voyage.

Mr. *Blew* from *Montserrat* see the Hulk of a Vessel without Masts in the Lat. of *Virginia*, as he was coming to *Boston*.

Mr. *Carver* from said Island came out in Company with *Thomas Ball* in a Sloop for this place, a few days after they Sayled from *Montserrat*, *Carver* met with a Ship who gave him Chase for 3 Glasses.

By His Excellency *Joseph Dudley* Esq. Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire in New-England*.

A BRIEF.<sup>144</sup>

Whereas the Island of St. Christophers, some few weeks since, has been Insulted and Ravaged by the French; And Her Majesties good Subjects of that Island reduced to the last Extremity, by the Spyres the Enemy has made in burning of their Houses and Mills, destroying and carrying off their Stocks and Estates: so that they are left destitute

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<sup>144</sup> In Massachusetts Archives, Vol. II, p. 652. Reprinted in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: Vol. VIII, p. 566. Also in Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 94\*. See News-Letter Nos. 101, 103, 104, (account of the attack) *ante*, and 107, 108, 109 *post*.

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*both of Habitation and Subsistance: most having lost everything they had*  
**I** Have therefore, at the Desire of the Representatives in their late Session, and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, Issued forth this BRIEF; Hereby Recommending to the Commiseration and Pity of all Charitable Well-disposed Christians, within this Province and the Province of New-Hampshire, the deplorable Circumstances, and distressing Wants of their said Christian Brethren and fellow Subjects; And Exciting them to put on bowels of Christian Compassion and Charity, for the Relief of the pinching necessities of their distressed Friends and Countrymen. Which will be very acceptable to GOD, profitable for our selves, and be remembred with the like grateful Acknowledgment and Respect from this Island, as formerly.

*The Money that shall be Contributed and Collected for this pious Use, to be put into the Hands of Samuel Sewall, Esqr. and Andrew Belcher Esqr. by them to be Invested in Provisions, &c. and forthwith forwarded by the Direction of My Self and the Council.*

*And the Ministers of the several Towns are Directed to Read and Publish this in their Congregations; And to stir up their People, notwithstanding their deep Poverty, to a Chearful and Liberal Contribution to this good Work.<sup>145</sup>*

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, the 17th Day of April, 1706, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady  
QUEEN ANNE.

By Order of the Governour  
and Council.

*J. DUDLEY.*

*Isaac Addington, Secr.*

Entered Inwards, *Adolph* from *New-York*, *Tho. Philips* and *Jeremiah Vaile* from *North-Carolina*, *William Walter*, *Peter Harris*, *Samuel Prince*, and *Jonas Green* from *Connecticut*. Outward, *John Walker*, *Richard Christophers*, *Nathaniel Loring*, *Elisha Hedge* and *John Smith* for *Connecticut*. Foreign Inwards from *Maryland*, *Moses Abbot* *Sloop John* and *Mary*, and *Thomas Bell* *Sloop Endeavour*; from *Antigua*, *Abraham Hill* *Sloop Mary*; from *Nevis* *William Russel* *Ship Friendship*, from *Fyall*; *Thomas Gilbert*, *Briganteen Good will*; from *St. Christophers*, *Charles Renouf*; from *Monserat*, *Francis Norris*, *Sloop Seaflower*, *John Blew* *Briganteen Dragon*, *Robert Carver* *Briganteen Plimouth*; from *South-Carolina*, *Wil. Everton* *Ship Elizabeth*. Cleared Outward for *Fyall* *Benjamin Edwards* *Sloop Elizabeth*; for *White-haven* in *England*, *William Blaire*; for *Newfoundland*, *Eleazar Moses* *Sloop Content*; for *New-York*, *Samuel Darby* *Sloop Flying Hart*. Outward bound, *Joseph*

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<sup>145</sup> The Brief was read in the Old South Church on the 28th. See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, page 160, under date, Lords-Day, April, 28.

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*Thorne* in Briganteen *Tryal* for *Surranam*; and *Andrew Gravenraedt* in Sloop *Ann*, for *New-York* and *Philadelphia*.

**Advertisements.**

ALL Persons in Town and Country who have a mind this Publick Print of Intelligence should be continued, and proceeded on after the last day of this instant April, and are willing to Contribute for its support, are hereby desired to agree with John Campbell Post-master of Boston for the same, where they may have it Weekly by the year on reasonable Terms, not exceeding what it was the last year, but rather lessened provided any considerable number agree's to take it.

[Reprinted: sale of a copper still, as in April 15.]

**N. E.**

**Numb. 106.**

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From **Monday** April 22. to **Monday** April 29. 1706.

**NY**

[**A**GAIN a two page folio of which nearly one half is filled with foreign news, from London, Rome, Hague and Venice, of preceding September and October dates, brought by John Scot, master of a briganteen, from Plymouth, England.]

New-York, April 22. On the 19th Instant arrived here one Spencer in a Sloop from St. Thomas. Letters via Virginia from England and Ireland acquaint us, That Her Majesties Ships from hence arrived in England and Ireland, the Nonsuch at Falmouth in 27 days, the Deal Castle at Plimouth about same time, & the Maremaid at Kingsaile the last of December, who six days after she left this Port sprung her main Mast and a Leak in the fish room, the next day lost her Top Mast and sprung a Leak in the bread room, and with great difficulty got Kingsaile in a shatter'd condition.

His Excellency the Lord Cornbury sets out on Thursday next for His Government of New-Jersey.

The Philadelphia Post not yet come in.

Salem, April 27. Yesterday arrived here Daniel Bray from Fyal.

*Boston*, On Thursday arrived here from *England* a Brigt. *John Scot* Master, who Sailed from *Plimouth* the first of *March* in Company with a Fleet consisting of 370 Sail, under Convoy of 9 Men of War, bound for several parts, whereof there was 80 Transport Ships with

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Forces on board for *Catalonia*; Capt. *Bowditch* & Capt. *Pepperil* came also out in Company for this place, as likewise did Capt. *Bond* for *New York*, and another Vessel or two for *Philadelphia*.

The Advice we have by Mr. *Scot* is, That . . . . . *John Bennet* from *Boston* to *London* was forc'd on Shore by a Privateer at *Dungeness*; and that *Stone* & *Lowder* for said Port were safe arrived in *Ireland*. That Capt *Pitts* and Capt. *Gerrish* were put up in *London* for *Boston*. [Then follows one and a half columns of miscellaneous foreign news received by this vessel.]

*By letters from England, we are acquainted that Capt. Sanders from New-York was safe arrived in Ireland.*

*Capt. Pepperil from Plimouth arrived here on Saturday the 27th. Currant, and Capt. Bowditch from said Port on the 28th. and Noah Guill from Madera.*

Coasters Entered Outward, Tho. *Curtice* for *Connecticut*, Tho *Phelps* for *N. Carolina*, *Anthony Bracket* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, Tho. *Ball Sloop Elizabeth* from *Montserrat*, and *John Scot Brigt. William* from *London*. Cleared Outwards, Tho. *Hunt Sloop Panther*, & *Will. Carket Sloop Friend Adventure* for *Newfoundland*, *Alex. Duncan Sloop Friendship* for *Barmuda*, *John Pitts Sloop Rebecca* for *Jamaica*, *John Hoddy Brigt. Adventure*, & *Job Hilliard Ketch Goodwill* for *Fyall*. Outward bound, *Walter Goodridge Ship Francis*, & *John Robison Brigt. Larke* for *Barbados*; *Richard Ingerson Sloop Seaflower* for *Suranam*, *Peter Leach Brigt. Plymouth* for *Antigua*, *Rich. Dafforne Sloop Amity* for *Newfoundland*.

### Advertisements.

**W**ithin a day or two will be Published a Book Entituled, *Vigilianus. Or, A Servant of the Lord found Ready for the Coming of the Lord. A Discourse Occasioned by the Early Death of Seven Young Ministers, within a little while One of another: with some Essay upon their very Commendable & Imitable Character. And an ELEGY upon them Sold by Bartholonew Green at the Printing-House at the South-End of Boston.*

**A** Set of Halberts for a foot Company to be Sold on reasonable Terms, by *Nicholas Boone Bookseller*, to be seen at his House near School-House Lane in *Boston*.

**A** Surranam Indian Woman, and Child about 5 years old, to be Sold, Inquire of *John Campbell Post-master of Boston*, and know further.

**A** Certain Person has an Hundred Twenty Five Pound to Lend at Interest upon good Security: Enquire of *John Campbell Post-master of Boston*, and know further.

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[Reprinted: copper still to be sold, as in April 22.]

B. E.

Numb. 107.

# The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday April 29. to Monday May 6. 1706.

NY

[FOUR folio pages. Six and a half columns are filled with foreign news, most space being given to an address of Queen Anne to the house of lords, to an account of the investment of the town of Badajos in the preceding October, and to a report of the coronation of King Stanislaus at Warsaw in October. The issue opens with an editorial note prefacing the queen's speech.]

In our Numb. 102 We gave you the QUEENS Speech to the Parliament, and Numb. 103 The House of Commons Address to Her Majesty: The House of Lords Address tho' Prior to the House of Commons not then coming to our hands, we thought it would not be ill taken by the Encouragers of this Print, now to Insert it: Which was presented by Her Majesty on the 31st of October last: And is as follows. [The queen's speech and the other foreign news follows.]

*Barbadoes, April 5.* Money is grown very scarce here, so that our Assembly have Issued out from the Treasury 7000 Pound in Paper Notes, to run for Six Months, and to Morrow they Sit again, and its said, That they design to Order Bills for 40000 Pound to pass for 7 years.

Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford* with the Fleet from *Boston* under her Convoy arrived here the latter end of *January*, except some that are arrived in the Leward Islands, onely *Thomas Barns* in *Brigantine Swan* who was taken and carryed in to *Martinico*; The said Fleet being bound for *Saltertuda*, but (by reason of the rumour that the French Fleet was abroad in the West-Indies, and one of Her Majesties Secretary's of State advising our Governour of a Fleet of 21 Sail with Transports, &c. fitting out of Brest under Conduct of Monsier *DeCasse*, to attack this place.) Here is a strict Embargo, so that your Vessels are hindred from proceeding on their Voyage, which will be a great Loss to us and *New-England*. The reason of the Frenches Effort thus, is said to be, That the French King at the beginning of this War borrowed a considerable Sum from *New-Spain*, with Engagement in 5 years to furnish them with 50,000 Negros for their Mines, which time of Contract being out, and his necessity requiring another Borrow; The *Spaniards* were Crusty,

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and would not Lend till the first agreement was answered; so he thought an Attack on these Islands to be the readiest way to accomplish his bargain, and designs, which hitherto in great measure has been frustrated; for in their coming out of Brest 8 of said Ships were lost by Storm, some put back again disabled, others of them, *viz.* 6 Sail of Men of War and some Transports arrived at *Martinico*, and were Joyned by some Privateers, who attempted in the Latter end of *January*, and beginning of *February* last to land at *Antigua* and *Nevis*, the Wind blowing hard and contrary hindred their Attack: Our Forts at *Nevis*, Maul'd their Ships, and kill'd their Vice Admiral. The Enemy went then for St. *Christophers*, where they Landed 1600 Regular men from France, and as many Privateers, where they burnt and destroyed the greatest part of their Crop, Houses and Mills, &c. but could not take the Forts: And the Enemy hearing of a Supply going from hence to the Assistance of those Islands, The Enemy in a Confusion left the place, and returned to *Martinico*.<sup>146</sup>

Yesterday in the afternoon arrived a Pacquet from *England*, and a Sloop Express from *Antigua*; By the former we are acquainted, That a Fleet from *England* for this Place put to Sea the last of *February*, in Company with the Fleet for *Lisbone*, and other places, and with those for *Lisbon* Two Mast Ships, of about 600 Ton each, to Load Salt for *New-England*; The Fleet for this Place we daily expect. Monsieur *De Casse* is said to have Sailed from Brest with 15 Sail of Men of War, no body knows where, but is not yet arrived in the West-Indies.

The Account we have by the Express from *Antigua* is, That the Enemy, with Men of War, Transports, and Privateers, make about 50 Sail, having on board about 6000 Men, and on a second Expedition have attacked *Nevis*; and tis to be feared they have gained their Landing; If so, they are in danger to be lost: At *Antigua* they are so well provided, that they imagine themselves in no great danger. This Express has occasioned the Embargo on the *New-England* Fleet, which caused Capt. *Stuckley* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford* to leave them behind.

*Boston*, On Thursday the 2d Instant arrived here from *Barbadoes*, Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford*, about a Months passage.

Entered Foreign Inward, William Bowditch, ship *Essex* from *London*; *Samuel Pre*<sup>147</sup> Ship William Andrew from *Cowes*; *Tobias Andrews*, Mary Ketch from *Surranam*; and *Noah Guille*, Sloop

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<sup>146</sup> Reprinted, in part, from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . Vol. VIII, p. 565, in account of the distress of St. Christopher, pp. 561-562, 565-567.

<sup>147</sup> Paper creased and worn so that last part of name is not decipherable.

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Adventure from *Madera*. Cleared Outward for *Surranam*, *Edward Halloway*, Brigt. Dragon, *Richard Ingersol*, Sloop *Seflower*, and *David Adams*, Brigt. *Plimouth*; and for *Jamaica*, *Francis Plaisteed* *Frigot* *Evton*. Outward Bound for *Montserat*, *Thomas Andrews*, Ketch *Mary*; for *Barbadoes*, *John Robinson*, Brigt *Larke*; for *New-York*, *Dirick Adolph*, and *Andrew Gravenraedt* for *New-York* and *Philadelphia*; for *Connecticut*, *Peter Harris* and *Jonas Green*.

**Advertisements.**

**A** New Edition of the New-England PSALM-BOOK, Printed with **A** New fair Character, and on good fine Paper; with a New Set of most Common Tunes, more free from Errors than heretofore: To be Sold by *Benjamin Eliot* at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in Boston: And *Nicholas Boone* at his Shop near School-House Lane.

**A** Negro Man Slave Aged about 20 years, and a Negro Woman, **A** to be Sold; Inquire of *John Campbell*, & Know further.

**O**UR Last finished the Second Years Printing of the Publick Occurrences, and notwithstanding the Undertaker has not had a Competent Number to take it Weekly, whereby it might be carryed on effectually so as to have the Intelligence both sooner and more certain; yet most of those that have had it last year, being still willing to promote and encourage it, upon their desire, and in hopes that others will fall in with them, to support and carry on the same; so as the Undertaker may be enabled to settle Correspondents for the Intelligence, and lower the Price to those who are so willing to promote its continuance; The Undertaker has in this proceeded on one of a New for the third year; And all Persons in Town and Country who have a mind to Encourage the same, may Agree with *John Campbell* Post-master of Boston for the year, who shall have it on reasonable Terms.

[Reprinted: a Surranam Indian woman and child to be sold, as in April 29.]

**A. E.**

**numb. 108.**

# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** May 6. to **Monday** May 13. 1706

**NY**

**[A** NOTHER four page folio, three pages filled with foreign news. **A** Prominence is given to the action of Queen Anne and the house of lords in condemning the spreading of reports to the effect that the established church was in danger under her majesty's

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administration, and especially arraigning one "David Edwards of the Parish of St. Dunstans in the West, London printer" for having published the libel, and offering rewards for the apprehension of the author and the printer. There are two pages of news from Paris, Rome, Turin, Vienna, Madrid, Hague and elsewhere.]

Jamaica, April 1 st. One Fidling bound hither from South Carolina was taken by a French Privateer, and carryed in to Petiguavus, and being ordered to France; he was retaken by Her Majestys Ship the Hector, & brought in here.

We have had an Embargo here for Six Weeks, by reason of the Intelligence brought us of a French Squadron being abroad in the West Indies: The last Packet brought the bad News of the said Squadron having over-run St. Christophers all but the Forts, and that they had left the Leward Islands.

Virginia, April 16. Capt John Wilde in the Ship Dove arrived here from Boston in 10 days, who came hither to imbrace a Convoy for London; and its uncertain when the Fleet from hence will Sail, the Commandore first expecting orders from England, and 'tis well if the Fleet Sail in June.

New-York, April 29. On the 27th instant arrived here a Sloop in 5 days from Barmuda, loaden with Salt; The Master whereof informs, That the Prize Ship bound from thence to this Port, met with a Storm in her Passage, in which they cut away their Main Mast, and had 2 men Drowned, and were returned to Barmuda to repair their Damage.

On the 28th arrived a Sloop from Virginia one Follen Master, who came from thence the 24th Instant, who acquaints us, That three Ships were arrived from England 3 or 4 days before he Sailed, who together with 17 Sail more came out of England the Latter-end of February, in Company of a Fleet upwards of 300 odd Sail, bound for Lisbon, Catalonia, &c. under Convoy of 9 Men of War. And that after they had left the St[r]eights-Fleet, and were Standing for Virginia, they unhappily met with Two French Men of War, who took 5 of them, and what became of the rest they know not: but Mr. Follen met 3 Ships going into the Capes, as he came out, which are Supposed to be some of them: He further sayes, That one of the Men of War designed to come to Virginia for Convoy was in the Dock at Portsmouth, when these Ships came from England; so that its uncertain when the Fleet will Sail for England, having orders not to stir till the other Convoys do arrive.

Most of the Jamaica Fleet that went from hence for England the first of December last, were arrived in Ireland.

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Just now arrived a Sloop in 30 days from Curacao, Lucas Steven Master; Three other Sloops for this Port came out in Company with him; but are not yet arrived: He brings no News, but that Monsieur De Casse was taken by an English Squadron coming out of the Channel: Which News they had at Curacao by a Ship lately arrived there from Holland, that came out in Company with Six other Merchant-men under Convoy of Two Dutch men of War, the other Ships were daily expected in there. There was Two Sloops for Rhode-Island, Bermon and another that came out in Company with this Sloop: And there was 4 or 5 for Boston, who were to Sail the same day or the day after.

Rhode-Island, May 3d. On the 26th last arrived at New-Port a Ketch from Montserrat, Samuel Hooper Master, who came from thence the 21 March last, and in his Passage met with a violent Storm, which had like to have Founder'd him; wherein he lost his Masts, Spoyl'd most of his Suggar in his hould.

On Wednesday last was our Election; all our Officers are continued as they were, except one Assistant left out, and Major William Wanton Elected in his Room.

New-Haven, May 1st. On the 27th. last, William Nick of Marble-head, firing from a Sloop in our Harbour at some Fowl, the piece broke, greatly tore his left hand; and on the 29th the Chyrurgeons cut off his fore and middle Finger, and fear they must to Save his Life, cut above the Wrist. Yesterday we had a very great South-east Storm and Rain; Tis said our Small Rivers were never known by the English to be so high; We fear there is much damage in Towns lying on great Streams.

Dover, May 3d. On the 27th last, Some Sculking Indians about 10 or 12, came on part of Oyster River, and suddenly Kill'd and Captivated 8 Persons, who had been Stragling abroad out of Garison.

Montserat, April 5. We have had no News from Nevis these 12 days, only we are informed from St. Christophers, that the French Landed there the 22d of March, and that there was two French Flags seen flying upon the Fort; We are daily Fortifying here for defence.

Hartford, May 3. Of late we have had much Rain, which has caus'd a very great Flood, and but one like unto it this 40 years, it rose near 5 fathom above its usual height in our River, has done considerable damage, sundry Mills and Damns ruined, Houses floated, others drove away, 3 or 4 Vessels floated off their Blocks, great quantity of Corn spoyled.

New-York, May 6. Yesterday arrived 2 Sloops, Bill & Peniston from Curacao, who 8 or 10 days ago met with a Sloop from Antigua

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bound to Pensilvania, the Master whereof gave him the unwelcome News that Nevis was entirely taken by the French, he also says, that after the French had taken the Leeward Islands, they designed an Attack upon Jamaica. Two Sloops are bound for St. Thomas.

Rhode-Island, May 10th. On the 6th Currant arrived here John Wanton in Sloop Brothers Adventure, 22 days passage from Antigua, who says, That the French were possest of Nevis three Weeks, ere he left the Island, but had no News from thence, how the Enemy took it. They have made all imaginable preparations at Antigua for defence.

Letters from Barmuda acquaint us, That they are informed there from St. Thomas, That Monsieur De Casse coming out of France with 11. Sail of men of War, was intercepted in the Channel by an English Squadron, who took him and 4 or 5 more Men of War, ruined the rest, & carried De Casse to Bristol.

Boston, On the 5th Currant arrived here a Sloop from St. Thomas, Daniel Wyborn Master, 18 days passage; And by Passengers on board her that made their escape from Nevis, We are acquainted, That a French Fleet consisting of 12 Capital Ships, and 40 other Vessels on the 22d of March last, did Attack said Island, where the Enemy Landed 6000 Men, who had over-run the Island, and carried away all that was Valuable; only they left the Inhabitants with their Houses Standing: There was several of the Enemy killed by the Negros. The Enemy stayed there upwards of 20 days. Several Vessels belonging to New-England, and other Places being Imbargo'd there, were taken by the French.<sup>148</sup>

On Fryday the 10th Currant arrived here John Ventiman from Jamaica about 5 Weeks passage: He came out in Company with Admiral Whetston and 6 men of War, that turned to the Windard: There came also out with him for this place, Pemberton, Bedgood and Edwards in 3 Sloops. The Anne Galley and Packet-Boat Sailed for England: Scrivener in a Briganteen for Barmuda and New-York: a Ship and a Sloop for Carolina; Vanbrugh of New-York for Virginia; a New-York Sloop from Carolina was ready to Sail for New-York.

His Excellency has Ordered, That the Masters of the Coasting Vessels Westward, Anchoring near the Shoar from Cape Cod to Seaconet, do forthwith send a Boat or Canoe, with two men and no more, to give Notice to the Inhabitants who they are and from whence they come, to prevent their being put off their business by apprehending them to be Enemies.

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148 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay; Vol. VIII, p. 566, in account of the distress of St. Christopher, pp. 561-562, 565-567.

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Coasters, Entered Inwards, Flood from Piscataqua, John Hedge, Joseph Concklin, Thomas Lathrop, Jacob Cornwell, & Obadiah Carter from Connecticut. Outward, Thomas Ball, John Lothrop, James Allin, Samuel Prince, William Waters, Peter Harris and Jonas Green for Connecticut, Benj. Flood, and Jacob Parker for Piscataqua, and Dirik Adolph for New-York. Foreign Inwards, from St. Thomas Daniel Wyborn Sloop Hawck; from Virginia Mathew Armstrong Sloop Swallow: from Jamaica John Ventiman Ship Martha. Cleared Outward, for Montserrat Dennis Holirt Brigt. Experiment, for Nevis John Stevens Sloop Mary-Rose, for Madera Samuel Carey Brigt. Three Sisters, for Jamaica, Peter King Ship Society, Andrew Wilson Sarah Galley, James Smith Ship America. Outward bound for London, Thomas Loch Tryall Galley, for Jamaica, John Secum Sloop Boneta, for Barbadoes Newcomb Blague Coleman Frigat.

### Advertisements.

Two Negro Men Slaves Aged about 21 years, & a Negro Woman; to be Sold; Inquire of John Campbell, & know further.

At the desire of Several Gentlemen Merchants and others who are willing to Contribute towards supporting of this Publick Print of Intelligence, the Undertaker has begun for a third year in hopes of others following their Good Example, whereby it may be Continued. And all Persons in Town & Country who have a mind to promote the same, may Agree with John Campbell Postmaster of Boston for the year, who shall have it on reasonable Terms.

A. E.

Rumb. 109.

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[ANOTHER four page folio, more than three pages filled with foreign news of preceding October and November dates from Lisbon, Rome, Milan, Vienna, Hamburgh, Cologne, Hague and elsewhere. There are accounts of the capture of Barcelona, October 21, 1705, and of the progress of the siege of Badajos.]

*Antigua, April 21st.* On the 20th of *March*, we were Alarm'd by a French Squadron just under the Land; but in the afternoon they bore away for *Nevis*; they consisted of 64 Sail, whereof were 12 Ships from 50 to 72 Guns, Monsieur *Debervell* was their Commadore.

On the 22d in the Night, Monsieur *Debervell* Landed 4000 Men about 8 Miles from *Nevis* Town, at a Place where our People thought

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it impossible for them to Land, where, had there been but 50 men, 'twould broke the French's designs: The Commodore was the first man that went on Shore in a Canoe, and about two a clock in the Morning he Marched at the Head of his Forces undiscovered, till they came within half a Mile of the Town, where two Companies of about 50 men discover'd and engag'd them some time, but no Assistance coming were forced to give way: The Enemy immediately got possession of the Town and several Platforms of Guns; The People fled to the *Dodan*, except about 30 Men, that fought them some time, and beat the Enemy out of one of the Platforms, Turn'd the Guns on the Town which did the Enemy considerable damage. Major *Parris* with 15 Men in the Fort fought the Enemy till 3 a clock in the afternoon of next day, & then Surrendered on honourable Terms.

The same day the Enemy Marched to the *Dodan* with all their Forces: It is a Fort on the Top of a high Mountain wall'd in with a dry Stone Wall breast high, where we had 500 Men, with the Queen's Souldiers and Seamen, Commanded by Col. *Abbot*, who was resolved to Fight the Enemy and keep the Fort: but contrary to his own reason, being over-perswaded by some other Gentlemen, and Cryes of the Women and Children, he yielded to a Parly, and agreed on Articles to Surrender.

That they should March out with their Arms, Drums beating and Colours flying; but so soon as they were out, The French broke their Articles, disarmed the English and barbarously used them: The Enemy burnt about half of the Country, and have taken all that was valuable; they took also 3200 Negros; Half of the Town of *Nevis* was burnt by Accident after the Capitulation; The Inhabitants have also agreed with the French (to Save the remaining part of their Houses Standing, and themselves from being carryed off Captives,) in Six Months time to deliver at *Martinico* 1400 Negros, or to pay 42000 *l.* for which they took the Gentlemens Bonds, and carryed 4 young Gentlemen with them as Hostages for the performance.

Some of the Negros they had taken, after they were on board to be sent away, understanding that they were to be Sold to the Spaniards 80 of them Jumpt overboard, and some of them got on Shore, who possest the Negros that were in the Mountains of the Frenches design of getting them also by vertue of the Articles of Capitulation, and to carry them to *New-Spain* to work in the Mines, which made about 600 of them, who were well armed come down on the French, kill'd several of them, and used them so as to give no quarter, that the French durst not move half a Mile out of Town for fear of the Negros.

The Enemy lost about 500 Men at *Nevis*, 130 men were blown up and kill'd at blowing up the Forts, and splitting the great Guns:

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when the Enemy went away the 10th Instant, they carryed with them 25 Sail of Vessels that lay Embargo'd in the Harbour.

The Negros are still in Arms; there are 1400 of them who say, That they will not lay down their Arms till the General goes down and Commands them: They are afraid if they should that their Masters must and will comply with the Articles to send them off, and so be carried to *New-Spain*.

Col. *Johnson* has sent down to *Nevis* 150 small Arms, & 26 barrels of Powder, and some Provisions; the English having nothing to Eat since the French left them but Potatoes.

The French left the Island suddenly in 3 hours time, by reason of 14 Sail of Tall Ships seen by their Spy, to the Windward of *Barbados*, whom they took to be English men of War, but since are informed, they were Dutch, bound home from *Surranam*. Most of the French went to the Leeward, their design is said to be for some other place.

Three Privateers went again to St. *Christopher's*, and took off 400 Negro's.

New-York, May 13. On the 6th Currant arrived Stillwell from Curacao, and last week arrived Joel from Barmuda. His Excellency the Lord Cornbury our Governour has Issued forth Two Proclamations: One Commanding all persons to appear in Arms, &c. upon the first Alarm; and the other to discover what quantity of Powder is in this Province, prohibiting the Sale and Exportation thereof till further Order. Two Sloops Outward bound for Curacao, one for Barbadoes, and one for Barmuda.

Just now arrived 2 Sloops from St. Thomas in 16 days, by whom we have advice, That the French have taken *Nevis*, that Monsieur Deberville was arrived at St. Thomas in a Ship of 67 Guns, he lay there 3 days, with 12 Sail more, supposed to be a part of his Squadron; 'tis not known whither they are bound, but belived to be for *New-Spain*: It was talk't at St. Thomas's, that the French Fleet were to Rendezvous at St. de Crux, and that their Design was to attack Curacao, The Privateers were returned to Martinico.

Two Sloops are just arrived in 30 days from *Jamaica*; they left Mr. *Vial* bound for Boston 6 days ago. A Sloop bound from *Jamaica* for *England*, but last from *Virginia*; John *Vanbrugh* Master is just now come in here.

Boston, On Tuesday the 14th Currant Dyed here Capt. *Benjamin Gilliam*, and was interr'd on Thursday the 17th. Aged 43 years.

Coasters Cleared Outward, for *Piscataqua Goin* and *Wair*, for *Connecticut* *Thomas Lathrop* Sloop *Diamond*, *Thomas Lathrop* Sloop *Susanna*, and *John Lathrop* Sloop *Speedwell*. Foreign Inwards, from *Jamaica*, *Jeffery Bedgood* Sloop *Two Brothers*, *Thomas Pember-*

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*ton, Sloop John & Anne, from Barmuda, John Welch Sloop Larke, from Antigua, John Porter Sloop Mary. Outward bound, for Montserrat, William Cooke Brigt. John and James, for South Carolina, John Comer Ketch Exchange, for Newfoundland, Jeremiah Vaile Sloop Mary.*

On Saturday arrived *Nathaniel Perkins* from *South Carolina*, *John Edwards* from *Jamaica*, *Blin* and *Hedge* from *Connecticut*.

*On Wednesday the 15th Currant, It was Resolved by His Excellency & Council, That Capt. Redknap Her Majesties Engineer for the Continent of America be forthwith supplied with Materials for Mounting 20 Pieces of Cannon at Castle William, and to repair the Works, and raise more as shall be judged necessary for the Defence of this Place.*

**Advertisements.**

**T**HE GOOD OLD WAY: OR, CHRISTIANITY DESCRIBED IN THE LIVES OF THE PRIMITIVE CHRISTIANS. Sold by Benjamin Eliot under the West End of the Town-House: Price bound 12 d.

[Reprinted: negro man slave for sale, as in May 6; News-Letter advertisement as in May 13.]

**R. E.**

**Rumb. 110.**

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[FOUR folio pages, more than three pages devoted to foreign news, the most important relating to the siege of Asti in the preceding November, the meeting of the czar of Russia and the king of Poland, at Grodno in November, the visit of the duke of Marlborough to Vienna, and affairs in Bavaria, Hungary and Germany.]

Guernsey, Nov 12. Several Prizes have been lately brought in here by the Privateers, belonging to this island . . . . The *Francis* of *Philadelphia*, *Andrew Lock Master*, of 40 Tuns and 8 men, Loaden with Wine Retaken by Capt *John Brock*.

Plimouth [Eng.] Decemb. 2. The 30th past a Dutch Privateer called the *Dolphin* of *Flushing* brought in here as Prize, the *Abraham* of *Rochel*, of 14 Guns, and 200 Tuns, laden with Sugar, Indigo, and other Goods from *Martinico*.

St. James's December 9. This day *Francis Nicholson* Esq. late Governour of Her Majesties Colony and Dominion of Virginia, was introduced into Her Majesty's Presence by the Rt. Hon. Mr. Secre-

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tary *Hedges*, and had the Honour to Kiss Her Majesty's Hand: He likewise waited upon his Royal Highness, who was also pleased to receive him very favourably.

*Jamaica, April 10th.* Capt. *Bartholomew Green* is arrived here from *Boston*. The Packet call'd the *Barbados* having on board 150 Cask of Indigo, and about 20000 *l.* value in Silver and Gold, bound from hence to England, was lost upon the Island *Heneago*: The men on board her Saved the Indigo and Money, built a Boat, took in the Money, designing down hither, leaving the Indigo on the Island, but in the way were met by a French Ship, who took them with their Riches, and gave the men the Boat again and all of them their Liberty Save two: When they arrived here, the Merchants immediately fitted out a Sloop with 90 men to fetch the Indigo from *Heneago*, which accordingly they did and brought it hither.

We have now here 300 French Prisoners; We set all the Spaniards that we take at Liberty; and the Spaniards do the same to the English: We keep all the French Criolians close Prisoners: There are two Flags of Truce sent from hence to the *Havanna*, and *St Domingo*: Admiral *Whetstone* with Her Majesties Ships under his Command being to the Eastward, is returning from his Cruise hither again.

*St. John's, Newfoundland, May the 4th.* It has been very Sickly here last Winter, and we have buried a great many: We have taken 6 French Prisoners, and two Indians; Three of the French Prisoners made their escape to Petty Harbour, where the Chief Gunner with a party in pursuit of them kill'd two in their endeavouring a second escape. On the 25 last. a party of French came & burnt Mr. *Coals* House. Here are two Ships arrive from England, *Abraham Fillmore* from *Topsham* and *Thomas Templeman* from *Bristol*, by whom we are informed, That Sir *William Jumper* is bound hither with a Squadron, whom we daily expect.

*Southampton on Long-Island, May the 12th.* On Saturday the 4th Currant, Dyed here Col. *Mathew Howel* Esq. much Lamented.

*Nantucket, May the 15th.* On Monday the 6th Instant, Dyed here *John Gardner* Esq. Aged about 82 years.

*New-York, May 20.* This day arrived a Sloop from *St. Thomas* in 20 days, who brings News that the French gave out there, that they designed for *Jamaica*, and in their Return for *New-York*, which has caused us to make all possible provision to give them a warm Reception; All persons having provided themselves with Arms and Ammunition, and all hands are employed upon Fortifying this City, which in a short time will be put in a good posture of defence; Our Inhabitants having voluntarily advanced large Sums of Money

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for the procuring of Materials, until such time our Assembly Sits, which will be on the 24th Instant. A great many new Carriages are already made for the Mounting of our Cannon, and a great number of Stockadoes and Plank brought to Town, for the making of Platforms, Breast-works, &c.

Her Majesty's Ship Lowstaffe will go to Sea this week on a Cruise.

Vessels Outward bound are Gilbert and Ecles for St. Thomas, Schelinx for Boston, Stevens for Curacao, Hutchins for Barmuda, Ecles for Jamaica, Chaplain for Barbadoes & Maclenan for Antigua.

Hartford, May 20. This day a Woman was Condemned to Dy for Murdering her Husband, which was done by throwing a pair of Taylors Shears at him, which hitting him on the head, in a few days it prov'd fatal to him.

Rhode-Island, May 24. On the 14th Instant about 4 in the afternoon, we had a great Shower of Hail, some whereof measured full three quarters of an inch through, but did no damage. A Vessel has been seen off Block-Island, which by her working is supposed to be an Enemy.

Marblehead, May the 24th. On Saturday the 18th. Dyed here Capt. *John Brown* Merchant, who was interr'd on Wednesday the 22d. instant.

Boston, On Monday the 13th Currant, His Excellency reviewed the Militia of this Place, at a General Muster of the Regiment. And on Wednesday the 15th Currant the Militia of the Eastern Regiment in the County of Middlesex at a General Muster in *Charlestown*. And on Tuesday the 21st Currant the Militia of the South Regiment in the County of *Essex*, at a General Muster at *Salem*. And on Thursday the 23d the middle Regiment in the said County of *Essex*, at a General Muster at *Ipswich*; And found them well provided as the Law Directs.

Wednesday next the 29th Currant is the Anniversary Day for Electing the Members of Her Majesties Council for this Province, when the Great and General Court is to sit at *Boston*.

Mr. *Nathaniel Vial* after he came out of *Jamaica* in his Voyage hither, met a Bark-Alongo that came from *Cuba*, bound to *Jamaica*, with several English Prisoners.

On Monday the 20th Currant, The Governour Acquainting the Council, That His Excellency the Lord Cornbury Governour of New-York &c. had Written to Capt. Redknap Her Majesties Enginser, to repair into that Province.

The Council Unanimously desired His Excellency to direct his Attendance in this Province for Her Majesty's Service, until the New

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*Cannon be Mounted at Her Majesty's Castle William, and the Works there, now in hand, be set in Order.*

Coasters, Entered Inwards, *Jackson* from Piscataqua, *Lewis & Blin* from Connecticut. Outward, *Gold & Bracket* for Piscataqua, *Ed. Hedge* for Connecticut. *Andrew Gravenradt* for Rhode-Island, N. York & Pensilvania. Foreign Inwards from Jamaica, *John Patison* Sloop Dove, *Nathaniel Vial* Ship Dutchess: From South-Carolina, *Nathaniel Perkins* Brigt. Success: from Bonire, *John Sharp* Sloop Four Friends: from Saltertuda, *John Hobbs* Ketch Lamb: From Newfoundland *Solomon Gardner* Sloop Mary: from Surranam *Ebenezar Dennis* Brigt. Friendship. Cleared Outwards, for St. Christophers, *William Cole* Sloop Mary: for Antigua, *William Thomas* Brigt Amity: for Newfoundland, *Richard Dafforn* Sloop Amity: for Barbados, *Thomas Ruck* Brigt. Fraternity, and *John Robinson* Brigt. Larke. Outward bound, for Maryland, *Moses Abbot* Sloop Endeavour: for New York *Joseph Concklin* Sloop Tryal: for Fyal *John Jarvis* Brigt. Goodwill: for Carolina, *Jeffery Bedgood* Sloop Two Brothers: for St. Christophers, *Daniel Wyborn* Sloop Hawck: for Newfoundland, *George Pearson* Sloop John and Mary.

## Advertisements.

[Reprinted: loan of money wanted, as in February 14; negro man slave for sale, as in May 6; News-Letter advertisement, as in May 13.]

R. E.

Numb. 111.

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[IN this issue, the space devoted to domestic news exceeds that given to the foreign. The latter is in December, 1705, letters from London, Turin, Venice, Florence, Warsaw, Hague, Ratisbon and elsewhere. The number opens with reports of the Anniversary Election, the sitting of the General Court and the address of Governor Dudley.]

Boston, June 3. 1706.

Wednesday the 29th of May last, being the day appointed for the Sitting of the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province, And the Anniversary Election: After the Election Sermon Preach'd by the Reverend Mr. John Rogers, Minister of Ipswich: (upon these words, 1 Kings 8.57, 58. *The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our*

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*Fathers: Let him not leave us, nor forsake us: that he may encline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his Commandments, and his Statutes, and his Judgments, which he commanded our Fathers.)*

The following Gentlemen were Chosen Members of Her Majesty's Council for the Ensuing Year, whom His Excellency was pleased to Approve of, *Viz.*<sup>149</sup>

*Wait Winthrop Esq*

*John Hathorn Esq*

*Samuel Sewall Esq*

*William Brown Esq*

*Jonathan Corwin Esq*

*John Walley Esq*

*Eliakim Hutchinson Esq*

*Penn Townsend Esq*

*Samuel Partridge Esq*

*Edward Bromfield Esq*

*Isaac Winslow Esq*

*Samuel Appleton Esq*

*\*John Cushing junior Esq*

*James Russel Esq*

*Elisha Hutchinson Esq*

*Isaac Addington Esq*

*John Phillips Esq*

*John Foster Esq*

*John Thacher Esq*

*John Appleton Esq*

*John Higginson Esq*

*Andrew Belcher Esq*

*Samuel Legg Esq*

*Nathanael Payne Esq*

*\*John Leverett Esq*

*\*Ichabod Plaistead Esq*

The Members of the House of Representatives for the several Towns are as follows, and those that have this Mark [\*] are New Ones.<sup>149</sup>

<i>Boston</i>	<i>Mr Tho. Oakes Speak</i>	<i>Watertown, *Jonas Bond Esq</i>
	<i>Col Sam. Checkley</i>	<i>Sudbury, *Mr Edmund Ryce</i>
	<i>Capt Eph Savage</i>	<i>Marlborough, *Capt Tho How</i>
	<i>Mr Eliz. Holyoke</i>	<i>Concord, *Mr Wil. Wilson</i>
<i>Roxbury, Mr Wil Denison</i>		<i>Chelmsford, Capt Jera. Bowers</i>
<i>Dorchester, Mr Hopestill Clap</i>		<i>Billerica, *Mr John Sternes</i>
<i>Milton, Capt Thomas Vose</i>		<i>Woburn, James Converse Esq</i>
<i>Braintrey, Mr John Baxter</i>		<i>Reading, Maj. Jer Swain</i>

149 Printed, revised, in The Acts and Resolves . . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . . Vol. VIII, pp. 161-163. In the list of members of the council are these changes in the Province Laws print: Russell for Russel; Hathorne for Hathorn; Browne for Brown; Paine for Payne; Plaisted for Plaistead. In the list of representatives, the following: Sudbury, Deacon Edmund Rice instead of Mr. Edmund Ryce; Billerica, Lieut. John Stearns instead of Mr. John Sternes; Woburn, added: Ensign John Pierce; Hingham, Maj. Samuel Eells instead of Samuel Eels Esq.; Salem, blank filled: Mr. Daniel Epes; Ipswich, Jewett for Jewet, Mr. Goodue instead of Capt.; Reading, Sweyne for Swain; Malden, Hill for Hills; Sherburne, Lieut. Morse instead of Mr.; Dunstable, Lieut. Col. Tyng instead of Col.; Newbury, Somerby for Somersby; Lynn, Poole for Pool; Marblehead, Calley for Cawley; Wenham, Deacon William Fiske instead of Mr. Wil. Fisk; Gloucester, Haskall for Hascall; Yarmouth, Paddocke for Paddock; Hatfield, Deacon Marsh instead of Mr.; Rehoboth, Ensign Read instead of Mr. Reed; Haverhill, Saunders for Sanders; Boxford, Perley for Pearly; Cambridge, Capt. Thomas Oliver in place of John Leverett Esq., Leverett being elected to the council; Charlestown, Cary for Carey; Taunton, Crosman for Crossman; York, Donnell for Donnel.

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*Weymouth*, Capt Steph French  
*Dedham*, Mr John Fuller  
*Medfield*, \*Mr Henry Adams  
*Hingham*, Samuel Eels Esq  
*Brooklin*, \*Mr John Winchester  
  
*Salem*      { \*Mr Benj Lynde  
                  { Mr Nehe Jewet  
*Ipswich*    { \*Capt Wil Goodhue  
*Newbury*, Capt Hen Somersby  
*Lynne*, \*Mr John Pool  
*Marblehead*, \*Mr John Cawley  
*Beverly*, Mr Samuel Balch  
*Wenham*, Mr Wil. Fisk  
*Topsfield*, Mr Elisha Perkins  
*Glocester*, \*Mr Benj. Hascall  
*Rowley*, Mr John Dresser  
*Salisbury*, \*Mr Rich. Hubbard  
*Amesbury*, \*Capt Tho. Harvey  
*Andover*, Capt Chri. Osgood  
*Haverhill*, \*Mr James Sanders  
*Boxford*, \*Mr Tho. Pearly  
*Cambrige*, \*John Leverett Esq  
*Charlestown*, \*Capt Nath Carey  
*Newtown*, \*Mr John Spring

*Maldon*, \*Mr Eben. Hills  
*Sherborn*, \*Mr Jonath. Morse  
*Dunstable*, \*Col. Jonat Tyng  
*Lancaster*, Mr John Houghton  
*Groton*, \*Mr Simon Stone  
*Plymouth*, \*Mr Nath Morton  
*Situate*, \*Mr John Barker  
*Marshfield*, Mr Eph. Little  
*Bridgewater*, Mr Dav. Perkins  
*Duxbury*, \*Capt Seth Arnold  
*Barnstable*, \*Mr Sam Hinckley  
*Yarmouth*, \*Mr Zech. Paddock  
*Eastham*, Mr Sam. Knowles  
*Springfield*, \*Jos. Parsons Esq  
*Northampton*, \*Mr Eb. Strong  
*Hadley*, \*Mr Daniel Marsh  
*Hatfield*, \*Mr Samuel Marsh  
*Bristol*, Mr Nath Blagrove  
*Rehoboth*, \*Mr Moses Reed  
*Swanzey*, \*Mr Hezek. Luther  
*Taunton*, \*Mr Ro. Crossman  
*York*, \*Samuel Donnel Esq  
*Kittery*, \*Mr Jos. Hammond  
*Nantucket*, Capt Rich. Gardner.

*His Excellency, JOSEPH DUDLEY Esqr. Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, &c. His SPEECH to the Honourable the COUNCIL and Representatives, in General Court Assembled at Boston, May the 30th. 1706.*

**Gentlemen,**

**B**Y the favour of Almighty GOD, we have been last year preserved from any inroad of the Enemy by Land, or any considerable Depredation upon our Coast; and the Forces in the several Parts have done their Duty towards our Preservation.

I am to acquaint you, That by our Advice from the *West Indies*, The French have a more powerful Fleet than at any time heretofore; and having done what Spoil they can in the Islands; may be reasonably expected to visit the Continent, and every Body will agree that it is Our Duty to be in all possible Preparation to receive them, to defend this Province from their Insults, and therein to do the Just Honour we owe to the Crown of *England*, to Her Majesty the

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best of Princes, and to all Her Majesties good Subjects that depend upon US.

I have lately reviewed the several Regiments upon the Sea Coast, and put them into the best Readiness for a March, to the Assistance of any oppressed Part, and by the Advice of Her Majesties Council, have doubled the Garrison at the Castle, and laid in Provisions and Stores there.

There is something further necessary to be done towards the Security of this Town, at the *Battery's* and else where, as well as at *Salem*, *Marblehead* and *Cape Anne*, which I shall desire you forthwith to enter upon: the Season of the year being far advanced, and proper for the Enemy to look this way.

*Gentlemen of the Representatives,*

I have always found your Readiness to Assist in the Affairs of the War; and as the Circumstances are more pressing, I doubt not of your further Resolutions, you will properly consider the Method of such growing Charges of the Fortifications, and other Necessarys, and how to lay them equally, and thereby more easy to the People.

Mr. Treasurer's Accounts will acquaint you what is wanting there.

I have used all Methods this last year to make the Charge as easy as possible, that I might Encourage your Readiness in the Supply, and shall at all times depend upon your Advice for the Security of this Province, and am well Assured of your Assistance.

I shall be glad you will make this the first business, and proceed early in it, because all things that we shall judge necessary will demand time.

I Trust Almighty GOD will Inspire us with that Courage and Resolution which is needful for our Defence: and that we may proceed Unanimously and Vigorously in what is before us, which I shall always justly represent to the Honour of the Government.

On *Thursday* the 30th of *May*, An Express came to His Excellency from *Albany*, giving an Account, That Mr. *Shelden* (who went from hence to *Canada* with Letters from our Governour, to the Governour of *Quebeck*, in order to the Exchange of Prisoners) was safe arrived there, and had got all our Captives together (except 9 or 10) in readiness to come away from thence.

This day came here by Land from *Martha's-Vineyard*, *Jeremiah Snow*, Master of the Ship *Hopewell*, who came from *Hundoras* about 5 weeks ago loaden with Logwood bound for *Curacao*; But on the 3d of *May* coming thro' the Gulph of *Florida* was taken by a *French* Man of War of 26 Guns, bound from *St. Domingo* to *Burdeaux* in *France*: The *French* having pillaged her of Water, Provisions, Beds and Cloathing, Sold the Ship and Loading to the Master for an 100 *l.* Sterling; for the payment of which he sent a Man in Hostage. And

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on *Thursday* the 23d of *May*, Mr. *Snow* being off *Block-Island*, and very short of Water and Provisions, seeing two Sloops, he drew up his Sails designing to speak with them to get a supply; but they were afraid, and run away from him, he being unacquainted at *Rhode-Island*, and not having time that night to run in, he made the best of his way to the *Eastward*, and on the 26th. got in to *Martha's-Vineyard*. Mr. *Snow* see the People of *Block-Island* fire the Beacon, and doubtless his Ship was the Vessel mentioned in our last supposed to be an *Enemy*.

By a Vessel from *Carolina*, We are acquainted, That Capt. *Baylie* in a Ship from *Barmuda* bound to *Pensylvania*, having 41 Persons on board was cast away the beginning of *April* last, a little to the Northward of *Ruanok Barr*, and had 33 Persons drowned, 15 whereof were *Negros*. As also that Capt. *Josiah Flint* in the *Stephen and Samuel of Boston*, laden with Pitch, Tar, Ryce &c. bound from *South Carolina* to *Virginia*, in order to imbrace the Convoy from thence to *England*, was cast away upon *Cape Hatteras*, about the middle of *April* last; the men all Saved.

His Excellency has been pleased to Commissionate Mr. *Samuel Keeling* Merchant, to be one of the Captains of the Regiment of Militia of this Town.

New-York, May 27. On the 21st Instant arrived here Capt. *Morrison* from *Jamaica*, and *Cox* from *Turks Island*. And on the 24th a Prize Ship (formerly mentioned) from *Bermuda*, but neither bring any News.

Her Majesty's Ship *Lowstaffe* Sails this week on a Cruise towards *Virginia*.

We have above 200 at work every day on the Fortifications, and a great number cutting and fetching of Timber, Stockadoes, &c. for making of Batteries, Platforms, &c. The Northside of this City from *Hudsons River* to the *East River* will be inclosed with Stockadoes, and a very good Breast-work, with several Block-Houses at convenient places. One half whereof is already done, and we hope to have finished that Line this week. A breast-work is carrying on all along *Hudsons River*, and several Batteries will be made fronting the Harbour, there being Carriages ready for Mounting 40 or 50 heavy Cannon, & more making.

Most persons in case of any Attack from the *Enemy* have provided Retreats in the Country, for their Wives and Children, &c. And a Computation has been made, that in less than 24 hours, we can have 4000 Men well Armed in this City; So that if the *French* should come, they are like to get little more than hard blows & *Brick Walls*, which will do them no extroordinary Service.

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We are acquainted from Virginia, that Capt. Bond for this place has Souldiers on Board to Recruit the Forces here; who comes from England under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ships the Greenwich & Hazardous for Virginia, whom we daily expect.

Vessels Outward bound are Budge for London, Bradduck for Boston, Bill, Pasco, Stilwell and Dupuy for Curacao, and Martin for St Thomas.

*Boston, Coasters Entered Inwards, Elisha Hedge, Nathanael Loring, Richard Christophers and William Rodes from Connecticut. Outward, Jacob Cornwall for Connecticut. Foreign Inwards, from Ruanoak, William Clarke Sloop Endeavour, John Ford Sloop Speedwell, David Northy Brigt. Speedwell-friend, and John Webster Brigt. Endeavour: from Turks Island, Solomon Pitman Brigt. Content: from Montserrat, Samuel Hooper Ketch Endeavour: from Bonavist, James Loring Brigt. Industry: from Nevis Ebenezer Breed Ketch Goodwill: from South-Carolina, Joseph Elicot Sloop Nonsuch. Cleared Outward, for Newfoundland, Jeremiah Vail Sloop Mary: for South Carolina, John Pitts Ketch Exchange. Outward bound, for Fyall Samuel Edward Brigt. William and Mary.*

**T**hese are to give Notice, That in our Numb. 79 We gave you an Account, That Her Majesty, for the better maintaining of Correspondence between England and Her Plantation Islands in the West-Indies, and for the further Improvement and Benefit of Trade, had settled Packet-Boats, to go from Plimouth every Month in the year, and being arrived at Barbadoes to stay no longer than 3 days and nights, at Antigua 2 days and nights, Monserat, Nevis and St. Christophers at each 36 hours, at Jamaica 10 days and nights, and thence to Return to England, and not to be stay'd or delay'd on any pretence whatsoever.

And whereas in the said Account by an Error of the Press, it is said every Vessel hath performed her Voyage in the space of 150 days or thereabouts: These are to give Notice, that it should be but 100 days, which according to the first Proposition laid down by the Honourable Edmund Dummer Esqr. is de facto found practicable to accomplish the same.

In the said Account we also informed you, That by virtue of the Act of Parliament for Establishing the Post-Office, Her Majesty had Directed and Impowered the Honourable Sir Robert Cotton Knight, and also the Honourable Sir Thomas Frankland Baronet, Her Majesty's Post-Master General of England and the Plantations, &c. to take and receive for the Port of all Letters and Packets so conveyed to and from the Plantations to England, according to the Rates following. From England to the West-Indies, each Letter not exceeding one sheet 15 d. double not exceeding 2 Sheets 2 s. 6 d. and in proportion to the same

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*Rates for every Packet of Letters. From the Islands to England single 18 d. Double 3 s. and in proportion for Packets, and for Packets of greater bulk 6 s. per Ounce.*

We also acquainted you that Letters would be taken in at the General Post-Office in London, directed for New-England, New-York, New-Jersey, Pensilvania, &c. On the same Post nights as those for the Plantation Islands, which would be put up in Separate Bags, for the Continent, with Direction to the several Agents of Her Majesty's Packets in each Island by the very first Embarkation that presents from either Island, to put said Mails on Board for the Continent, where said Letters are to be dispatched to the Respective Governments by the Post-master of the Place where the said Vessel does first arrive.

These are also to give Notice, That the Agents of the Packets in each Island, and the Post-masters on the Continent, are ordered to Correspond with each other in order to promote and carry on this Publick Good. As also the Post-masters of the several Provinces on the Continent are hereby desired to acquaint each other from time to time of all Vessels Outward bound from their Precincts to any Port of the West-Indies or Beyond Sea, as well as those that do arrive from any Foreign Port; whereby all Persons may know how and when to send Letters by said Vessels for Counveyance by the Monthly Packets to England, or any other Ports.

It is also hereby further Notified to all Persons who at any time have a mind to send any Letters or Packets for England, either directly when Embarkations offer, or by the way of the West-Indies by said Packets, either from this or the Neighbouring Provinces, that all due care shall be taken by the Respective Post-masters to put said Letters on board the Vessel for England, and if to the Plantations, to put up the said Letters in a Maile directed for the Agent, where the first Embarkation offers, by him to be put on Board the first Packet for England: The Owners of said Letters or Packets, first having pay'd the Inland Postage and usual allowances of 2 d. each Letter for the same.

### Advertisements.

**T**O be Sold at Charlestown on reasonable Terms, A House & Land, Barn, Gardens, with other accomodations, and a Dock and Ship-yard belonging thereunto, with all necessarys for a Ship-wright; Inquire of Mr. Samuel B[all]lard of said Town, and know further.

**U**PON Tuesday night last the 28th of May, there was Stole, a Little Moses Boat from the side of the Sloop Larke lying at Mrs. Keeche's Wharffe in the North End of Boston: Whoever will bring back again the said Boat unto John Welch Master of said Sloop, or give him any true Intelligence, so as he may have her again, shall have a sufficient Reward.

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A Ny Person that wants to borrow Money at Interest, upon good Security, may inquire of John Campbell Postmaster, and know further.

T Hree Negro Men Slaves, & three Negro Women, to be Sold; Inquire of John Campbell Postmaster, & know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in May 13.]

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[In all respects — size, diversity of news, treatment of domestic affairs, quantity of advertising and so on — this is the most ambitious number of the News-Letter attempted up to this date. Two regular pages are added, making it a six page folio. On the first page is an account from Limerick, December 7, 1705, of storms and shipwrecks on the Irish coast, and this is followed on the first and second pages with other foreign news from Vienna, Madrid, Zurich, Ratisbon and elsewhere. More than half of the third page is given to domestic news. On the fourth page is an editorial argument against negro slavery, an important historical document, and on the same page is additional domestic news. The fifth page is filled with the speech of Lord Cornbury and the proceedings of the Assembly of New York, while the sixth page presents foreign news from Paris, Dresden, Frankfort, Falmouth, Hague and elsewhere, and three quarters of a column of advertisements.]

*Boston, On Monday the 3d. Currant, The Annual Artillery Election Sermon was Preach'd by the Reverend Mr. Rowland Cotton, Minister of Sandwich, upon these words, Mat. 11. 12. *The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth Violence, and the Violent take it by Force.* After Sermon the following Gentlemen were Chosen by the Honourable Artillery Company to be their Officers for the Ensuing Year, Viz. Major Adam Winthrop, Captain; Captain Timothy Clarke, Lieutenant and Captain John Ballantine, Ensign: Whom His Excellency was pleased to Approve of.*

On the said day arrived here the *Port Merchant from Lisbon* in 51 days, *John Babbage* Master; there came out in Company with him, Mr. Gerrish for *Piscataqua, via Fyall*, Mr. *Winter* for this place, 10 Sail of large Merchant-men for the *West-Indies*, and 14 Sail for *Newfoundland*.

By whom we are Advised, [Then is printed nearly a half column of minor foreign news items.]

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This Port Merchant, whereof *Richard Thomas* was formerly Master, was taken in his Voyage from *Boston* to *Lisbon* by three Letter of Mark-men; all the Commanders were very kind to the said *Thomas*, whom they carried with them to *Martinico*, and the said Vessel was retaken by a Flushing Privateer of 36 Guns, and ransomed again: *Cravat* from *Boston* was also taken, and they gave him his Vessel again.

Mr. *Babbage* further says, That one of the Mast-Ships, & Mr. *Minot* in a Flag Boat, were arrived at *Lisbon* from *England*, who waited for a Convoy to this Place.

On *Tuesday* the 4th Instant, By an Express from the Governour of *Rhode-Island* to His Excellency, we are acquainted, that there is a *French* Privateer on that Coast, who upon *Fryday* the 31st of *May* — Chased one *Walker* in a Sloop from *Connecticut*, so that he and his men was forced to leave his Sloop laden with Provisions, and get on shore at *Watchpoint*. The Government of *Rhode-Island* upon notice had of it, immediately fitted out two Sloops well Mann'd and Arm'd, under Command of Major *Wanton*, and Lieut. *Payn* to go in Quest of the said Privateer. Mr. *Walker* saw the Privateer take the Provisions out of his Sloop, and then turn her a drift.

✓ On *Thursday* the 6th Currant, there came an Express to His Excellency from the Province of *Main*, giving an Account, that 6 or 8 of the Skulking Enemy Indians on *Tuesday* last came unawares upon 3 or 4 persons that were working in their field at *Cacheihe*, and kill'd two of them being Young men, e're they could escape to the Garison, as the other did.

On the said Day the Assembly Elected Two of Her Majesty's Council for this Province, to make up the Number of 28. Viz *Benjamin Brown* Esq. and *Ephraim Hunt* Esq. and His Excellency Approved of the Choice.

Since our Last there was chosen the following Gentlemen to Serve in the General Court as Representatives of the following Towns, *viz.* For *Cambridge*, Capt. *Thomas Oliver*; *John Leverett* Esq. the late Representative for that Town, being chosen One of Her Majesty's Council: for *Little Compton* \*Col. *Benjamin Church*, and for *Mendon*, \*Mr. *William Holebrook*.<sup>150</sup>

On *Fryday* the 7th Currant, arrived here Capt. *Tho. Gwin*, and Capt. *Beamsly Perkins*, in 17 days from *Antigua*, with whom came out for this place *David Bucklin*, and *John Taylor*, who Sailed the same day about 6 hours before them, by whom we are acquainted, That Mr. *Nathaniel Harris* for *Boston*, and Mr. *Andrew Pepyrril* for *Piscataqua* Sailed from *Antigua* about 16 days before they came out.

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150 See foot-note, 149, p. 330 *ante*.

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That in the Lat of 19 and 40. Capt. *Perkins* met a large Ship of Force, who gave him Chase, which Ship he saw take a Sloop, whom he fears to be *Taylor*. That there was a Flag of Truce returned from *Martinico* to *Antigua* the 10th of *May* last with all the *English* Prisoners from thence, by whom we are advised, That the *French* Squadron were all gone to the Leeward, (excepting one 70 Gun Ship, that was going Convoy of the *Martinico* Fleet for *France*) and were to stop at *St. Domingo*, where they expected a considerable Force to join them, in order to attack *Curacao* or *Jamaica*: That the *Dutch* Fleet from *Curacao* to *Holland*, consisting of above 100 Sail were gone home. That Capt. *Crapo* in a Ship of 14 Guns, who was upon this Coast last year, was Sailed from *Martinico* 14 days before the last Flag of Truce to *Antigua* came from thence, and was gone for *St. Domingo*, in order to join some *French* Ships of War to come upon the Coast of *N. E.* That they expected Monsieur *Du Casse* at *Martinico*. That there was lately a great Storm at *Martinico*, wherein they Lost 12 Sail of Vessels, 4 whereof were Privateers, and the rest Prizes. That there was a Spy Boat from *Barbadoes* at *Antigua*, waiting for the Return of the Flag of Truce from *Martinico*, which Spy Boat return'd to *Barbadoes* upon the Arrival of the Flag of Truce, and upon their Arrival at *Barbadoes*: It is not doubted, but the long Embargo upon Vessels there will be taken off.

On Saturday the 8th Currant, arrived here *David Bucklin* from *Antigua*.

This day was Interr'd the Corps of Mr. *Jonathan Balston*, who dyed on Thursday last. in the 89th year of his Age.

Coasters, Entered Outward, for Connecticut, *Elisha Hedge*, *Andrew Wager*, *James Blin*, and *William Rhodes*: for New-York, *Joseph Concklin*. Foreign Inwards, from Lisbone, *John Babbage* Ship Oporto Merchant: from St. George, *William Goddard* Brigt. *Seaflower*: from Antigua, *Thomas Gwin* Brigt. *Eliz.* and *Beamsly Perkins* Eagle Galley. Cleared Outwards, for New-foundland, *Solomon Gardner* Sloop Mary: for Curacao, *Thomas Andrews* Ketch Mary. Outward bound, for Antigua, *John Rawlins* Sloop Mary: for Oporto, *Samuel Turill* Ship John & Timothy: for Newfoundland *John Sharp* Sloop Four friends.

On the 9th Arrived *Nathanael Jarvies* from *Antigua*.

**B**Y last Years Bill of Mortality for the Town of Boston in Numb 100 News-Letter, we are furnished with a list of 44 Negroes dead last year, which being compuied one with another at 30 l. per Head, amounts to the Sum of One Thousand three hundred and Twenty Pounds, of which we would make this Remark; That the Importing of Negroes into this or the Neighbouring Provinces is not so beneficial either to the

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*Crown or Country, as White Servants would be.*

*For Negroes do not carry Arms to defend the Countrey, as Whites do. Negroes are generally Eye-Servants, great Thieves, much addicted to Stealing, Lying and Purloining.*

*They do not People our Country as Whites would do whereby we should be strengthened against an Enemy.*

*By Encouraging the importing of White Men Servants, allowing somewhat to the Importer, most Husbandmen in the Country might be furnished with Servants for 8, 9, or 10 l. a Head, who are not able to Launch out 40 or 50 l. for a Negro the now common price.*

*A Man then might buy a White Man Servant we suppose for 10 l. to Serve 4 years, and Boys for the same price to Serve 6, 8 or 10 years: If a White Servant die, the Loss exceeds not 10 l. but if a Negro dies, 'tis a very great loss to the Husbandman; Three years Interest of the price of the Negro, will near upon if not altogether purchase a White Man Servant.*

*If Necessity call for it, that the Husbandman must fit out a man against the Enemy; if he has a Negro he cannot send him, but if he has a White Servant, 'twill answer the end, and perhaps save his Son at home.*

*Were Merchants and Masters Encouraged as already said to bring in Men Servants, there needed not be such Complaint against Superiours Impressing our Children to the War, there would then be Men enough to be had without Impressing.*

*The bringing in of such Servants would much enrich this Province, because Husbandmen would not only be able far better to manure what Lands are already under Improvement, but would also improve a great deal more that now lyes waste under Woods, and enable this Province to set about raising of Naval Stores, which would be greatly advantagious to the Crown of England, and this Province.*

*For the raising of Hemp here, so as to make Sail-cloth and Cordage to furnish but our own Shipping, would hinder the Importing it, & save a considerable sum in a year to make Returns for which we now do, and in time might be capacitated to furnish England not only with Sail-cloth and Cordage, but likewise with Pitch, Tar, Hemp and other Stores which they are now obliged to purchase in Foreign Nations.*

*Suppose the Government here should allow Forty Shillings per head for five years, to such as should Import every of these years 100 White Men Servants, and each to Serve 4 years, the cost would be but 200 l. a year, and a 1000 l. for the 5 years: The first 100 Servants being free the 4th year, they serve the 5th for Wages, and the 6th there is 100 that goes out into the Woods, and settles a 100 families to Strengthen and Baracado us from the Indians, and so a 100 Families more every year successively.*

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*And here you see that in one year the Town of Boston has lost 1320 l. by 44 Negroes, which is also a Loss to the Country in general, and for a less Loss, (if it may improperly be so called) for a 1000 l. the Country may have 500 Men in 5 years time for the 44 Negroes dead in one year.*

*A certain person within these 6 years had two Negroes dead computed both at 60 l. which would have procured him six white Servants at 10 l. per head to have Served 24 years, at 4 years apiece, without running such a great risque, and the Whites would have strengthened the Country; that Negroes do not.*

*'Twould do well that none of those Servants be liable to be Impressed during their Service of Agreement at their first Landing.*

*That such Servants being Sold or Transported out of this Province during the time of their Service, the Person that buys them be liable to pay 3 l. into the Treasury.<sup>151</sup> ✓*

*New-Haven, May 29. To Morrow is a Publick day of Fasting & Prayer appointed throughout our Colony, much on the same grounds of that kept in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay & N. Hampshire in April last.*

On the 23d Currant, We had here a Storm of Thunder & Hail, whereby two men working on a Vessel upon the Stocks were smitten, the one down to the ground who lay near half an hour without any appearance of Life, the other smitten so as to fall against the side of the Vessel, both since well in Body and Mind, but do declare, that they neither heard the Thunder nor saw the Lightning that did them this harm. We have had several great Rains of late besides that I formerly wrote you of, which has caused great Floods in our small Rivers.

*Piscataqua, June 7th. On Wednesday last was Launched here the *Lusitania* Galley, burthen about 500 Tuns, whereof Capt. *John Wentworth* is Commander. And yesterday Mr. *John Shaplie* and his Son being Riding on the Road near Kittery, their Horses were found all bloody without their Riders; a Party of the Garrison that went out in Quest of the Sculking Enemy, found Mr. *Shaplies* Body, and his head cut off, but cannot tell what is become of the Son.*

*New-port Rhode-Island, June 7. On the 2d. Instant, at 8 a Clock in the morning, there came to our Governour one *John Walker* (Master of a Sloop bound to Boston from Connecticut, loaden with 78 barrels of Pork, 7 of Beef, 700 bushels of Wheat and Indian Corn) who gave his Honour this Account, That on Saturday last in the afternoon he had been Chased in the Sound by a French Privateer Sloop, and to avoid being taken, he & his men got into their small*

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151 One of the earliest public utterances against slavery in the colonies.

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boat, and left their Sloop to the mercy of the Privateer who took her, and they getting on shore at Watch-Hill, Alarmed the people all along Narraganset shore and Stonington, where it was Lined with near 1000 men in Arms. Mr. Walker himself made the best of his way hither; and upon his Arrival, our Governour immediately issued forth a Proclamation for Voluntiers, and in less than 2 hours time, we had 2 Sloops fitted out with 100 and odd men well armed, under Command of Major William Wanton and Capt. Thomas Payne, who Sailed from hence about 10 a Clock in the morning, and about 2 a Clock in the afternoon made themselves Masters of the Privateer and her Prize about 3 Leagues to the Southward of Block-Island, and brought her on Monday last in here about 10 a Clock in the morning. The Privateer seeing 2 Sloops after him did not fight. The Sloop is of about 30 Tons, 37 men, sails well, the Captains name is Charles Ferret has his Commission from Petitguavus, she was bound for Port-Royal, in order to Cruise this Summer on the New-England Coast.

Yesterday was held here a Court of Admiralty by the Hon. Nathaniel Byfield Esq. Judge thereof, where the said Privateer was Condemned by his Honour gratis, to Encourage so noble and valorous an Action.

*New-York, June 3.*

*His Excellency Edward Viscount Cornbury, Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New-York and Territories depending thereon, &c. His SPEECH to the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Assembly now Sitting in the City of New York, upon Wednesday the 29th. of May 1706.*

*Gentlemen,*

THE Service of Her most Sacred Majesty the Queen, in the Neighbouring Colony, having Obliged me to Prorogue this Assembly to the Month of *September* next, I should not have given you the trouble of meeting till that time, were I not forced to it by an indispensible necessity, the repeated Advices our Merchants here have received from their Correspondents in the *West-Indies*, of the design the *French* have of attempting this Colony, has made me think it of absolute necessity to call you together at this time, that all proper measures may be taken, for the defence of this Place, which as yet lies very open, naked and defenceless.

There are two things therefore which I shall chiefly recommend to your care, one is the providing a Fund for the Fortifying this City; the other is, the providing a Fund for the Repairing this Her Majesties Fort, which is extreamly out of Order, and for mounting the Guns, most of the Carriages being rotten and unserviceable. These two

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things are of absolute necessity, and without which, it is to be feared this place may become a prey to a powerful enemy, who can design no less, than to lay it waste, and destroy it, as they have done the Islands of *Nevis* and *St. Christophers*, whose misfortunes I hope will be an inducement to you to make effectual provision for the defence of this Colony: And you may be sure, that whatever you shall think fit to give, shall be applied to the Uses for which you give it, and to no other.

*Gentlemen,*

I must take notice to you, that the last Assembly did pass an Act for the Raising the Sum of 1500 *l.* towards the erecting Batteries at the Narrows, which would have been of very great use at this time had that Money been collected, but it has not: I am sensible that some malicious ill minded people have reported, That I had taken that Money into my hands; that the truth therefore may be known, and I justified, I recommend it to you Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, to make a strict enquiry into that Tax I think it proper to recommend to you, the Reviving the Militia Act, which expired by its own Limitation in the year 1704. And I am the rather Induced to do it at this time, because in this time of danger, if there is not some Law past to keep the people to their Duty, I shall be forced to put Martial Law in practice, which I am sure will fall heavier, than any Act of Assembly will do. I cannot conclude without putting you in mind of the necessity of making provision for Out-scouts this next Winter, to be sent from *Albany*. These are the things I thought proper to recommend to you, and which I hope you will provide for with all possible dispatch, because I think the nature of the thing requires it. If you can think of any thing else that may require the Aid of an Act of Assembly at this time, you shall always find me ready to do anything that shall be proposed to me, for the QUEENS Service and the good of the Country.

The House being met on *Thursday* the 30th of *May*, and a Debate arising concerning the Legality of the present meeting of the General Assembly, which stands Prorogued till the 12th of *September* next.

*Resolved, Nemine contradicente,* That in regard of the indispensible Necessity mentioned in his Lordships Speech, of which this House is deeply sensible, they will sit and proceed to give their best Assistance towards the necessary Defence of this Colony.

*Resolved,* That the City of *New-York* be immediately fortified.

*Resolved,* That this House will raise a Fund towards the defraying the Charge of the Fortifications of the *City of New-York*.

*Resolved,* That this House will to Morrow Morning resolve into a Committee of the whole House to consider of ways and means

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for the raising a Fund for defraying the Charge of Fortifying the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That ——— be a Committee of this House to inspect and examine what Sum of Money has been raised and paid in, by virtue of a late Act of General Assembly for raising 1500 *l.* towards erecting Batteries at the Narrows, and make their Report thereof to this House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to revive the Militia Act, lately expired by its own Limitation.

*Resolved*, That a Fund be raised for the payment of Scouts for the Fronteers at *Albany* for the year ensuing.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

*Ordered*, That his Excellencys Speech and the Votes of this House be forthwith Printed.<sup>152</sup>

Our Fortifications are briskly carried on, we having some days 400 men at work, & seldom less than 200. The Country are very ready in their Assistance, and have sent us 150 men at a time to work, & we hope in a short time to be in a good posture of defence.

Her Majesty's Ship *Lowstaffe*, Capt. Jeffers and a Brigt. Sailed out of Sandyhook yesterday morning for Virginia, the Merchantmen are bound with the Fleet for London.

On Saturday last His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury* went to his Government of New-Jersey, and is expected back to morrow.

Outward bound are 4 Sloops, one for London, Via Virginia, the rest for Madera, Barbadoes, and St. Thomas.

*Plimouth*[Eng.], Decemb 28 This day arrived here Her Majesty's Ship the *Deal Castle* from *New York*.

*Falmouth*, Decemb. 29. The 26th Her Majesty's Ship the *Nonsuch* put into this port from *New-York*, whence she Sailed the first Instant, in company of the *Mermaid* and *Deal Castle*, with about 19 Sail of Merchant men under their Convoy; but was separated from them the 6th by bad Weather.

### Advertisements.

**M**Aginalia *Christi Americana*: Or, the Ecclesiastical History of *New-England*, from its first Planting in the year 1620, unto the year of our Lord 1698, in folio, containing 820 Pages in 7 Books, wherein you have the Lives of the Governours, Magistrates, and Divines; an Account of the University of *Cambridge*, with the Lives of the Benefactors and Eminent Persons Educated therein: The

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152 This speech and the resolves are in the Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York, Gaine edition, Vol. I, pp. 212-213.

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Order in the Churches and Synods: Many Illustrious Providences of Mercy and Judgement; and Afflictions of the Churches from several Adversaries, and remarkable Occurrences in the Wars with the Indians To be Sold by *Benjamin Eliot* at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in Boston. *Price*, Twenty Shillings.<sup>153</sup>

**A** New Edition of the *New-England PSALM-BOOK*, Printed with a New, Fair Character, and on good fine Paper; with a New Set of most Common Tunes, more free from Errors than heretofore. To be Sold also by *Benjamin Eliot* at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in *Boston*: & *Nicholas Boone* at his Shop near School-house Lane.<sup>154</sup>

**T**O Be Sold at the Post-Office in *Boston*: The Monthly *Mercury's* at 12 d a Piece: London Gazetts, Flying-Posts, Post-Man, Post-Boy, Bills of Entry, Price Courants, Observators, at 1 d. per Piece; and the Boston News-Letter for the first two years, at 2 d. per Piece. So that any Persons in Town or Country in this or the Neighbouring Provinces, may have the same, agreeing with *John Campbell*, Post-Master of *Boston* for all, or any of the same.

**A** Ny Person that wants to buy a Set of New-Halbards, may inquire of *John Campbell* Post-master and know further.

**T**O be Lett or Sold at Charlestown on reasonable Terms, A House & Land, Barn, Gardens, with other accomodations, and a Dock and Ship-yard belonging thereunto, with all necessarys for a Shipwright; Inquire of Mr. Samuel Ballard of said Town, and know further.

[Reprinted: reward offered for return of a stolen boat, money to loan, and negro slaves to be sold, as in June 3; News-Letter advertisement, as first in May 13.]

**A. E.**

**Rumb. 113.**

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From **Monday** June 10. to **Monday** June 17. 1706.

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[**A** RETURN is made to the four page folio size. At the head of the first column of the first page, under date "London, December 31, 1705," begins a review of the European events of the year, and this is preceded with an editorial introduction. The review fills the entire first page and one and a half columns on the

153 This work originally advertised in the News-Letter of March 11, 1706.

154 See advertisement in News-Letter, May 6, 1706.

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second page. In half a column of the second page and all the third page is foreign news from Paris, Frankfort, Vienna, Venice, Hague, Madrid, and elsewhere, of January dates. There is one full page of domestic news.]

THE Reader having favourably received the Epitome's we have hitherto made at the conclusion of each year, of the chief Actions transacted therein, we shall pursue our usual method, and present him with a short account of the most material Occurrences that have happened in this present year. [Here follows the review.]

*Falmouth, Jan. 3. . . .* Two other *Dutch* Privateers have brought in two *French* Prizes of about 200 Tuns each, laden with Sugar, Coco, and other Goods, from *Martinico*.

New-York, June 10. On the 4th Instant arrived here Capt. Creago in 19 days from St. Thomas, who brings News, That Monsieur Deberville with the French Squadron was gone to St. Domingo, and that Monsieur du Casse was not yet arrived in Martinico. They had advice there by a Sloop from Martinico, that a Ship was arrived there from France which saw 14 (some Letters say 24) English Men of War go into Madera, supposed to be bound to the West-Indies, upon which the Governour of Martinico will admit but a few Privateers to go out at a time, and not above 3 weeks Cruise.

The same day arrived a Prize Sloop loaden with Martinico Cocoa, and bound from thence to St. Domingo, she was taken by a Privateer belonging to Curacao and sent hither, with whom Capt. Pennistone a few days after Concerted; Penniston's Periawger had taken a Spanish Privateer of 4 Guns and 30 men; Pennistone was waiting in Kids river in expectation of a Prize, and writes that 15 Galloons were arrived in the West Indies.

On the 8th Instant arrived here a Ship from Bristol, one Cockerin Master, who came out the 23d of March in Company of 24 Sail bound for Virginia and Maryland: By whom we are advised [here follow several short items of foreign news.]

Capt. Bond for New-York was in the Downs the 16th March whom we expect with the Virginia Convoy, and we expect another from London with the Newfoundland Fleet.

Our Assembly have Voted 3000 l. for fortifying of this City.

*Rhode-Island, June 14th.* There is arrived here from Barbadoes in 16 days Philip Lewis in Brigt. Hope, *Elery*, Sloop Benjamin & Abigail, and *Chapman*, Sloop Dove; who came out in company with several Vessels for the Continent.

*Dedham, June 15th.* On Thursday the 13th. Currant, We had

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here a Shower of Rain, accompanied with great Thunder and Lightning, whereby the House of Mr. *Vigilans Fisher* (in the middle of the Town) was smitten, several Bricks beat off the Chimney, falling down on the fore-side of the House, one of the Spars of the House Split from the Chimney down-wards to the Plate, and from thence taking the Post of the fore door, Split that also, Carrying one piece of it to the other side of the Street, several pieces of Bricks fell down the Chimney very near to a Child sitting in the Corner, several pieces of Clap boards broken and beat off the House: The Lower Room (where the People were) fill'd with a smell of Sulphur for a Considerable time, but (through Mercy) no Person kill'd or hurt.

*Boston*, On Monday the 10th. Currant arrived here Capt. *Rows* in the Flag of Truce, that went for *Port-Royal*, in order to the Exchange of Prisoners, who has brought with him Seven, and Eight more are on board of a Brigantene that is not yet arrived, who are all the English Prisoners that were there. Capt. *Rows* acquaints us, that there is a Privateer of 10 Guns designed from *Placentia*, to touch at *Port-Royal*, in order to Cruise upon this Coast.

The Brigantene that Capt. *Rows* Ransomed was designed to be fitted out at *Port-Royal*, to be a Privateer to annoy this Coast.

✓ *Mid-week* the 12th. Instant, Upon Representation of the Danger of an Attack from Her Majesties Enemies the French, the Inhabitants of the Town of *Boston*, have Voluntarily consented and agreed, That the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds* be raised on the said Town, and applyed to the repairing of the Fortifications within the same, and setting them in order for Her Majesties Service, according to such Directions as shall be given by His Excellency.<sup>155</sup> :

On *Fryday* the 14th. Currant arrived here, *Azor Gale* in 19 days from *Barbadoes*, who came out in Company with about 70 Sail of Vessels, whereof about 30 Sail for *Boston*, *Salem*, *Marblehead* and *Piscataqua*; some for *Rhode-Island*, *New-York*, *Pensilvania*, *Virginia*, *Carolina*, and *London*.

On Saturday the 15th. Currant, we had an Alarm here, occasioned by 12 Sail of Vessels from *Barbadoes*, which begun about nine a Clock in the fore-noon, and in less than an Hour, we had near upon 1400 Men in Arms (besides Seamen, and those at the Forts and Batteries) whom His Excellency was pleased to review.

Coasters Entered Inward, *Roundy* from *Salem*, *Lothrop* from *Connecticut*, *Jackson* from *Piscataqua*, and *Dirick Adolph* from *New-York*. Outward, *John Hobbs* Ketch *Lamb* for *New-Haven*, and *Richard Christophers* Sloop *Grace & Ruth* for *New-London*.

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<sup>155</sup> See *Boston Records* from 1710 to 1728 (City Document No. 137, 1882) pp. 39-40.

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Foreign Inward, from Antigua, *Nathanael Harris* Brigt. *Swallow*, and *David Bucklin* Brigt. *Randall*, from Barbadoes, *Joseph Everton* Brigt. *Eliz. John Pullin* Brigt. *Dove*, & *Azor Gale* Ship Friend-ship: from Hundoras *Jer. Snow* Hopewell Pink. Cleared Outward, for Jamaica, *John Elkins* Sloop *Boneto*, and for Fiall, *Thomas Sill* Brigt. *William & Mary*. Outward bound, for Newfoundland *Michael Gill* Boston Galley; for Antigua *John Horton* Brigt. Tryal: for Montserrat *John Blue* Brigt. *Dragon*, and *Francis Norris* Sloop *Sea-flower*: for Fyall *William Clarke* Sloop *Endeavour*, and *Abel Jones* Sloop *Larke*: for Barmuda *Solomon Pitman* Brigt. Content: for Barbados *Joseph Eliot* Sloop *Nonsuch*, and *Nathaniel Carey* Sloop *Katherine*: and for Jamaica *John Venteman* *Martha* and *Elizabeth*.

Arrived this day from Barbados, Catts. *Samuel Rymes*, *John Alden*, *William Holberton*, *William Alden*, *James Berry*, *John Corney*, *Tho. Simkins*, *William Fellows*, *Tobias Green*, *Jonathan Lambert*, *Goold*.

**B**Y Letters from London of *April* the 3d. Per the Packet *via* Barbadoes we have the following Account.

*Deal, Feb. 22.* This day came in the *Mermaid* from *Ireland* Convoy to the *George*, *Marlborough*, *Desire*, *Laurel*, *Indigo Merchant*, *Robert* and *Francis* from *Jamaica*; Also the *Golden Fleece* *Benjamin Stone*; the *Thomas* and *Sarah* *Henry Lowder* from *New-England*; the *Resolution* Capt. *Saunders* from *N-York*, all last from *Ireland*.

*Plimouth, March 5.* Yesterday came in the *good Intent* from *Pensilvania*.

*Dartmouth, March 5.* This day came in the *Dover Galley* *Clement Jackson* Commander, belonging to *New-England*, but last from *Jamaica*.

*London, March 15.* We have an Account that the *Queen Anne* Packet from the *West Indies*, is carried in to *St Malo*.

*Deal, March 16.* Yesterday arrived several Ships from *Holland*, among which is the *Sarah* of *Boston* for *N England*.

In our last under *Boston*, thro' an Error of the Press, *Lieut. Payn*, should have been *Captain Payn*.

### Advertisements.

**R**AN-away at *Boston* on the 26th of *December* last, *Samuel Downs*, a Man-Servant, aged about 25 years, a spare man, middle Stature, light brown Hair, speaketh broad English; he was in *May* last at work in *Sea-brook* in *Connecticut Colony*, and now abscondeth from the said place: Whoever will take up and secure the said Run-away, so that he may be delivered unto *Mr. John Colman Merchant* in *Boston*, shall be immediately paid Five Pounds, and Charges.

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THIS Letter of Intelligence is to be continued weekly: And all Persons in Town and Country who have a mind to promote the same, may Agree with John Campbell Postmaster of Boston for the year, who shall have it on reasonable Terms.

M. E.

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[A LITTLE more than three of the four pages of this issue are filled with foreign news: of January and February dates, principally from London, Vienna, Berlin, Ratisbon, Hague and other European capitals. One of the roundabout methods of securing news in those days is indicated by this line on the second page of the issue: "By Letters from London of April 6. Per the Packet, Via Barbadoes, we have the following Account." The domestic news includes a proclamation by Governor Dudley "against false and illegal traders."]

*Falmouth, Jan. 12. . . .* The 10th was sent in here as a Prize, by a Privateer belonging to *Guernsey*, the Pearl of *Morlaix*, of 12 Guns, laden with Wine, Arms, Iron, and other Goods for the *West-Indies*

*London, Jan. 5. . . .* Our Squadron for *Barcelona* is fitting out with all expedition; as also another for the *West-Indies*.

*London, April 6.* Capt. Kere in the *Bredah*, Commands the *West India* Squadron, having a Rear-Admirals Pay, and a Captain under him.

*New-York June 17th.* On Thursday last Her Majesties Ship *Tritons Prize*<sup>156</sup> Sailed from hence, on a Cruise to the Eastward.

On the 13th Instant arrived here Captains *Dunscum*, *Van Bael*, & on the 14th *Perkins & Laurier* from Barbadoes in 19 days, came out in Company with a great Fleet for *Boston*, *Pensilvania*, &c.

The same day arrived Capt. *Coerteen* in 18 days from *Curacao*, by whom we are informed, That Three French Men of War had taken Two Dutch East-India men, which had on board 60 Chests of Money, besides other Goods, & were gone after Four more, which had parted with the Two taken a few days before. The French gave the Prisoners

156 The Triton's Prize was a man-of-war captured from the French and renamed as the prize of its captor.

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a small ship in which they arrived at *Curacoa*: The Dutch men were bound to the East-Indies.

On the said day arrived a Sloop from *Nevis*, & *Gravenraedi* from *Boston*:

On the 16th Instant a small Prize Ship about 60 or 70 Tons loaden with Sugar arrived here in 15 days, from the Windward passage near Cape *Franswa*, she was taken by Capt. *Penistone*, and was one of Six Sail, that came out of *Petitguavus*, bound for France, who were met by Capt. *Tongrelow* and his Consort (a *Curacoa* Privateer) upon which the French men separated, and *Tongrelow* gave chase to the biggest, which they say is a Ship of 36 Guns and 150 men, his Consort in the pursuit broke his Boom, and left off the chase, and afterward met with *Penistone* (who had taken this Prize) and gave him this Information: We daily expect further news from them.

'Tis said *Tongrelow* has taken a Briganteen with 400 Hogsheads of Sugar on board, and also a Prize from France with Claret, of which we have not the particulars: by this Prize we have Account that 15 Galloons are arrived in the West Indies most of them 60 Guns, and 5 or 600 men a piece.

We do not hear that the Men of War from *England* to Convoy the *Virginia* Fleet home are yet arrived.

We are informed from *Maryland*, That the Assembly there has past an Act Prohibiting the exportation of all European Commodities out of that Province for three years, excepting Goods consigned or belonging to Persons residing in *Virginia*, or *Pensilvania*, and Merchandise Imported in order to be Shipt off for the Coast of *Guinea*.

*Hadley, June 15.* On Thursday the 13th Currant There were Two men kill'd in our Meadows by Lightning.

— *Watertown, June 19.* On the 16th Currant, Dyed here, Mrs. *Elizabeth Beers* (Widow of Capt. *John Beers* who was kill'd at *Deerfield* in the first *Indian Wars*) in the 92 Year of her Age: whose Grand-Daughter is a Grandmother; She came to *New-England*, in June 1630 Being then Sixteen Year Old, and lived in *New-England* 76 Years.

— By His Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, and Vice-Admiral of the same. A PROCLAMATION against false and illegal Traders.

**W**Hereas sundry Persons have been detected of late holding a false and illegal Trade with Her Majesties Enemies, the French and the Indian Rebels and Enemies, in and about Nova Scotia, and other parts and places Eastward, giving them Supplies: And there being

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*just reason to suspect that other Persons, not yet known, have been concern'd in such false and illegal Trade, and the Effects conceal'd.*

**I** Do therefore, by the Advice of Her Majesties Council, hereby strictly Command and Require all Her Majesties Loving Subjects that have any Knowledge, or can make discovery of any such false & illegal Traders, or any Goods or Effects Employed therein, or the product thereof, That they forthwith disclose and make known the same to My Self, or one of Her Majesties Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, in Order to their being apprehended, Examined and duly proceeded with, and the said Goods Secured.

*And the Person or Persons that make the first discovery shall be Entituled to the benefit of Informers according to Law.*

*And all Justices of the Peace are commanded to be assisting to the apprehending Seizing and Securing of any Persons or Goods as above-said.*

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, the 21st of June 1706.

In the Fifth Year of Her Majesties Reign,

*By His Excellency's Command,*

*with the Advice of the Council.*

J. DUDLEY.

*Isaac Addington, Secr.*

GOD Save the QUEEN. ✓

His Excellency the Governour has Account from Quebec, That Mr. Sheldon his Messenger is well there, and is Returning by Sea with a number of the Prisoners, and may be daily expected.

Boston, Coasters Entered Inwards, *John Tucker* from North Carolina: from Connecticut *John Smith, Thomas Currice, John Walker, Will. Walter, Joseph Allen, John Hedge & John Paine*. Outward for Connecticut, *Nath. Loring, and Elisha Prince*: for Piscataqua *Joseph Flood and Antony Bracket*: for North Carolina, *John Webster*. Foreign inwards from Barbadoes, *Will. Holberton Ship Anne, Nath. Coffin, Ship Industery, James Berry Ship Swan, Tho. Savil Ship Two Brothers, Will. Alden Ship Content, Samuel Rymes Barbadoes Merchant, Jonaihan Lambert Ship Industry, John Alden Ship Swallow, John Symkins Ship Blessing, John Foster Ship Sarah, Tobias Green Brigt. Mayflower, Thomas Symkins Providence Brigt. John Walker Brigt. Hopewell, John Corney Brigt. Dorothy, Will. Wyat Brigt. Endeavour, Philip Lewis Brigt. Hope, Will. Bellows Sloop Rosanna, Jer. Cushing Sloop Industry, Robert Gold Sloop Mary*. Cleared Outward, for New-York, *Jeffery Bedgood, Sloop Two Brothers: for Fyal John Jarvis Brigt. Goodwill: for Antigua, John Rawlings Sloop Mary*. Outward bound for South Carolina, *Nath. Perkins Brigt, Success: for Suranam, Joseph Fiborn Brigt Friendship, and Jer. Cushing Sloop Industry: for Newfoundland Will. Webber Sloop*

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Dove: for Virginia *John Brewer* Katch Good-hope: for New-York  
Dirick Adolph Sloop Two Brothers: for St. Georges *Will Goddard*  
Brigt. Speedwell.

**Advertisements.**

**S**tolen or Stray'd out of John Reed's Pastour in Taunton, on the 13th of October last past, a dark Bay-horse of about Fourteen Hands high, having white Feet, and a Star in his Forehead, branded in one of his Shoulders with the Letters T. H, full bodyed, hardly possible to make him Gallop; belongeth to William Grigs Cooper. Whosoever shall take up the said Horse and him Convey to Mr. John Adams Shop-keeper in Boston, shall have 40 s. Reward and reasonable Charges, tho' the Horse be not worth half the Money.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as in June 17.]

**R. E.**

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** June 24. to **Monday** July 1. 1706.

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**[F**OUR pages folio. In the first column of the first page is this introductory line, "By Letters from London of April the 6th. per the Packet Via Barbadoes, we have this further Account." Then follow forty-six items of foreign news filling the first, second and third pages and nearly half of the fourth page.]

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*Madrid, Feb. 12. . . Advices from Cadiz say, that the Duke of Anjou has ordered the Galloons to prepare to Sail to the West-Indies the latter end of this Month.*

*Falmouth, Feb. 25. Yesterday came in the great Nassau, a Privateer of Flushing, who has taken two French Prizes, one a Merchant-man of 18 Guns which came from the West Indies.*

*Cowes, Feb. 27. Three Dutch Capers have brought in here the Nostra Segniora De Rosa of St. Sebastian from the Havanna, laden with Sugar, Indico, &c.*

*Rhode-Island, June 21st. On the 16th instant arrived here Edward Gross in the Sloop Speedwell 14 days passage from Antigua, who says, That just before he came from thence the Flagg of Truce arrived from Martinico, which positively said, That there was four Privateer Sloops Sailed from Martinico for the New-England Coast before he left that Island.*

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Her Majesties Ship the *Triton Prize*<sup>157</sup> lay here three dayes, and Sailed on her Cruise a Tuesday.

*New-York, June 24th.* Yesterday arrived at *Sandyhook* Her Majesties Ship the *Triton Prize*,<sup>157</sup> She has been Cruising between this Place, and *Rhode-Island* and *Block-Island*, &c. but met with no Enemy. We are acquainted *via. Philadelphia*, That the *Virginia Convoy* consisting of 4 men of War were arrived, but have no particulars, so cannot depend on it. This morning arrived a Sloop from *Curacao* in 25 days, but brings no News. Outward bound are *White-comb* for *Barmuda*, *Lawrence* for *Jamaica*, *Dunscum* for *Barbados*, *Coerteen* for *Curacao*, and *Smallage* for *Boston*.

*Rhode-Island, June 28th.* There is a Brigantene in the Sound that has chased some Sloops, but can give no account whither she be friend or foe.

*Boston*, His Excellency having received some Advice from *Albany*, has marched several Troops and Foot Companies to the Frontiers on Fryday last.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Thomas Lothrop*, *John Lothrop*, *Thomas Lothrop*, *Carteret Gillam* and *John Wells* from Connecticut; *Peter Coffin* from Nantucket, *Abraham Shellinx* and *John Bradick* from *New-York*. Outwards, *Andrew Pepperil* and *William Wyar* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, from *Barbadoes*, *James Bridgham* Ship *Hampton*, and *Joseph Small* Katch *Sea-flower*. Cleared Outwards for *Pensilvania*, *Abraham Hill* Ship *Andrew* and *William*: for *Maryland*, *John Brewer* Katch *Goodhope*: for *New-foundland*, *George Person* Sloop *Mary*: *South Carolina*, *Nathanael Perkins* Brigt. *Success*. Outward bound, for *Barbadoes* *Joseph Everton* Brigt. *Eliza*, *David Bucklin* Brigt. *Randal*, and *Thomas Pemberton* Sloop *Sea-flower*: for *Antigua*, *Thomas Gwin* Brigt. *Eliza*. and *Nathanael Harris* Brigt. *Swallow*: for *Jamaica* *William Russil* Brigt. *Dolphin*: for *Fyall Noah Guille* Sloop *Adventure*: for *Rhode-Island* and *Pensilvania*, *Eleazar Darby* Sloop *Mary*.

In our last under *Watertown*, thro' an error of the Press, Capt. *John Beers*, should have been Capt. *Richard Beers*.

These are to give Notice, that by Virtue of a Direction in the Act for Encouraging a Post-Office in this Province: The Post-master of *Boston* does send out every Two days after that the Post comes in, and after the Receipt of Foreign Letters by Sea; All such Letters and Packets that remain in the Office uncall'd for; And if the Persons they are directed to cannot be found, or that the said Letters or Pacquets are for any Persons in the Neighbouring Towns out of the Post Road; Then

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157 See foot-note 156, page 348 ante.





THE MARKETING OF THE MARKET

**THE REVEREND INCREASE MATHER**

1800-1801. The Rev. Increase Mather, D.D., of Boston, Massachusetts, was a Puritan minister, author, and historian. He was the son of the famous Puritan minister Cotton Mather. He is best known for his book "The American Ecclesiastical History" (1801), which is a history of the Protestant Church in America.



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*the Names of the said Persons are every day to be seen on a fair Alphabetical List for the Surname, with the name of the Town they live in: If they are for the Town of Boston, then no Town added. So that all Persons may know without Enquiring, when they have any Letters in the Office, excepting as above-said, when the Post comes in, or the Arrival of Vessels.*

### Advertisements.

— The following Books to be Sold by Benjamin Eliot, at his Shop under the West-End of the Town-House in Boston, Viz.

**P**RACTICAL TRUTHS, TENDING TO PROMOTE HOLINESS IN THE HEARTS AND LIVES OF CHRISTIANS: DELIVERED IN SEVERAL SERMONS; BY THE REVEREND MR. INCREASE MATHER.

**S**PIRITUAL DESERTIONS DISCOVERED AND REMEDIED, BEING THE SUBSTANCE OF DIVERS SERMONS PREACH'D FOR THE HELP OF DARK SOULS, LABOURING UNDER DIVINE WITHDRAWINGS.

**T**HE FOUNTAIN OPENED: OR, THE GREAT GOSPEL PRIVILEGE OF HAVING CHRIST EXHIBITED TO SINFUL MEN: WHEREIN ALSO IS PROVED THAT THERE SHALL BE A NATIONAL CALLING OF THE JEWS. BOTH THESE BY THE REVEREND MR. SAMUEL WILLARD.

**A** MODEST ENQUIRY INTO THE NATURE OF WITCHCRAFT, AND HOW PERSONS GUILTY OF THAT CRIME MAY BE CONVICTED, AND THE MEANS USED FOR THEIR DISCOVERY DISCUSSED; BOTH NEGATIVELY AND AFFIRMATIVELY, ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE AND EXPERIENCE. BY THE REVEREND MR. JOHN HALE DECEAS'D.

— **A** NEGRO GIRL TO BE SOLD, INQUIRE OF JOHN CAMPBELL POST-MASTER OF BOSTON, AND KNOW FURTHER.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement as first in June 17.]

**A. E.**

**Numb. 116.**

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**[S**IX and a quarter of the eight columns in this four page number are filled with foreign news which is introduced with this line at the head of the first column of the first page: "By Letters from London of April the 6th. per the Packet Via Barbadoes, we have yet this further Account." The news is of February dates, from Paris, Hague, Cologne, Lisbon, Madrid, Perpignan, Rome and Turin.]

*Deal, March 3. There is now in the Downs 8 Men of War, and sundry Merchant Ships, viz. 2 for the East-Indies, 8 for Barbadoes,*

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3 for *Jamaica*, 2 for *Virginia* 1 for the *West-Indies*, 1 for the *Canaries*, 1 for *Antigua*, 1 for *New-York*, 1 for *Nevis*, and 1 for *Viano*.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, June the 9th. There are arrived here from Boston, Carkeit Dafforn, and Moses, Carkeit was chased off Caplin-Bay, by a Vessel that show'd English Colours, he was within two Cannon Shot of her, who fired a Gun to Leeward, but he durst not Trust her. The French and Indians Plundered the People at Bonavist, destroyed one whole Family; and about 16 hundred Quintals of Fish. The Enemy also burnt Green-Island. The Fleet from Lisbone are arrived, but no Ships yet from England besides those mentioned in my last.

New-York July 1st. On the 25th. of June last arrived here Capt. Sandford from South Carolina, and Capt. Joyner on the 27th. from *Jamaica*, and on the 28th Two Sloops under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstaffe* from *Virginia*; She came from thence the 22d of June, and rydes now at Sandy-hook, by whom we are acquainted, That the Men of War expected there, are not yet arrived, and 'tis thought the Fleet from thence to England will not Sail till September or October. The Ships are all gone up to the Freshes. There is an Embargo in *Virginia*, and these Sloops had not got out, but for the opportunity of Convoy of the *Lowstaffe*.

On the 29th arrived here a Prize Sloop loadn'd with *Cuba Sugar*, she was bound from *Cuba* to *Carthagene*, and was taken in sight of Monsieur Deberville, (who was at Anchor in *Carthagene* or near to it) by Capt. Zacharias in a Privateer Sloop belongs to this place. They bring News that the French Fleet are gone to *Carthagene*, *Porto Bell* and other places to load Plate, and that there is to go home with this Fleet Twenty Millions of Money and Plate.

On Thursday last the Militia of this City and the Neighbouring Counties of this Province, appeared here under Arms, who with 700 Men (that were in Arms the day before in *New Jersey*, and designed to be here had not their Harvest obstructed) amount to about 3000. The most of which can be here upon occasion in 12 hours time, and the furthest off in 24 hours times. A great many of the Country Militia appeared, not being necessitated to attend their Harvest; so that by computation we can have in Arms in 24 hours time in this City between 4 or 5 Thousand men.

We just now hear there is a Brigantene of 150 Tons in the Sound bound hither, she is a Prize loaden with Sugar and Indigo, taken by Capt. Tongrelow.

Her Majesties Ship the *Triton* Prize lyes at Sandy-Hook, and only waits a wind to go to Sea on a Cruise.

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Rhode-Island, July 5th. There is one Carder arrived here this week from Antigua, but brings no News: Rhodes is bound for Boston.

*Piscataqua, July 5th.* Capt. *Southack* in the Province Galley came in here on Wednesday last, he has taken a French Sloop of 60 Tons in the Bay of Port-Royall, the Enemy all fled, and 'tis supposed she was going for Stones and Timber to build some Fortifications. The Prize Sloop and Capt. *Cawley* was left by Capt. *Southack* in Casko-Bay.

✓ *Boston*, His Excellency the Governor having been for Ten days past in Expectation of a Troop of the Indians from *Quebeck*, had Posted men in the several Frontiers of *Hampshire*, *Middlesex* and *Yorkshire*, to receive them: and a Wednesday Evening they Entered *Dunstable* a poor weak Village, where lay a Troop of Horse; and the Rebels chanced upon a Garrison where half of the said Troop was, who though they were surprized soon relieved themselves, and the whole Village, which in probability had been all lost, if the Indians had not found a Force there more than they expected. The Enemy consisted of 100, and by their March confess to have lost Seven, besides wounded men, and we lost nine Men Women and Children.<sup>158</sup>

Very soon after by His Excellency's Order, the Forces under Col. *Tyng*, and Col. *Taylor*, marched in three Parties to follow the Rebels into the Woods, but after 3 days they all came in without any discovery. There is another march of 150 men Commanded by Capt. *Tyng* to lye out Ten Days to look after the Enemy, and in the mean time the remaining Forces are taking care to cover the Husbandry of all the Frontiers.

On Saturday arrived a Sloop from *Newfoundland* about 20 days passage, one *Hunt* Master.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Flood* and *Bracket* from Piscataqua. Outwards, *Dirick Adolph* for New-York, *John Lothrop*, *Barnabas Lothrop*, *Giles Hall* and *Joseph Basset* for Connecticut. Foreign Inwards, *Alexander Duncan* Sloop *Friendship* from Barmuda, Cleared Outwards, for *Virginia* *Moses Abbot* Sloop *Endeavour*, and *Abel Jones* Sloop *Larke*: for *Newfoundland*, *Michael Gill* Ship *Boston Galley*, and *William Webber* Sloop *Dove*. Outward bound, for *Barbadoes*, *William Wyar* Brigt. *Endeavour*, *James Loring* Brigt. *Industry*, and *Isaac Perkins* Sloop *Rosanna*: for *Jamaica* *John Scott* Brigt. *William*, and *Thomas Savill* Ship *Two Brothers*: for *Suranam*, *Philip Lewis* Brigt. *Hope*: for *Antigua*, *Jeremiah Snow* *Pinke* *Hope-well*, *Isaac Fowle* Brigt. *Abigail*, and *Eleazar Johnson* Brigt. *Hope-*

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158 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 700. See Journal of the Reverend John Pike, in Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1875-1876, p. 142. Also Penhallow's Indian Wars, pp. 43-46.

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well: for Montserrat, *Samuel Hooper* Katch Endeavour: for North-Carolina, *David Northy* Brigt. Speedwell Friend.

**Advertisements.**

**A**katch of 45 Tons well fitted for the Sea, to be Sold Enquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: negro slave girl to be sold, as in July 1; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

**R. E.**

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From **Monday** July 8. to **Monday** July 15. 1706.

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[**I**n this four page number, five and a half of the eight columns are filled with foreign news, introduced again at the head of the first column of the first page with this line, "By Letters from London of April the 6th per the Packet Via Barbadoes, we have still this further Account." The advices are mainly from Paris, Vienna, Madrid, Hague, and "the French Army near Fraga on the Cinca, March 19."]

*Falmouth March 9.* On the 7th came in here the *Marlborough*, a Flushing Caper, Capt *Noes* Commander, from Cruising, and brought in with her 2 *French* Ships from *Newfoundland*.

*New-York, July 8th.* Last Week arrived here a Prize Brigantene taken by Capt *Tongrelow*, bound from Hispaniola to France, built at Brazil, and taken from the Portuguise by the French on the Coast of Guinea, she has on board 24 Hogsheads of Muscavado Sugar, and 2 Casks of Indigo, and Capt. *Tongrelow* sent in her 20 Hogsheads of Claret, some Glasses, and Earthen Ware, which he took in a Vessel bound from France to Hispaniola, which they stript of her Rigging &c. and then burnt her. This Prize came through the Sound.

On the 4th Instant arrived here a Sloop in 20 days from Nevis, *John Shute* Master, who brings advice, That 14 Men of War were dayly expected in the West Indies from England.

*Shute* from Nevis is bound from hence to Boston, who only came here to Land some Passengers.

Yesterday Her Majesty's Ship the Triton's Prize Sailed from Sandy-hook on a Cruise.

Vessels outward bound are 3 Sloops for Barbadoes, a Ship, a Brigantene and Sloop for Jamaica, a Brigt. for Curacoa, a Sloop for Boston, a Sloop for Philadelphia, a Sloop for Antigua.

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✓ *Reading* July 10. On Saturday the 6th Currant about 4 a Clock in the afternoon there came 5 Indians to *Benjamin Horndal's* House of this Town, being an Out house, where they found his Wife and eight Children, the Woman and three young Children they killed, and carried the other five with them; One of the Captive Children not being able to Travel, an Indian gave it some blows on the head, and left it in a Swamp not far from the House for dead, where it lay almost two days, & then was found alive stark naked.

Upon notice had of this mischief on the 7th Instant being the Lords Day; several Parties of our Forces went in pursuit of the skulking Enemy, and as some of the Indians sat in a Swamp with three of the Captives, a Company of Souldiers coming very near them, the Enemy started up, ran, and left their Captives, Plunder and Blankets, &c. And when the Indians were gone, the Children went to a deserted House that was near, where the *English* found them.

The other Captive was discovered by some men at a Block-House in *Chelmsford*, as he was wandring in a Meadow alone, the Indian that carry'd him away had (it's most probable) lost him in the night, some Soldiers discovered one of these Indians, shot at, & wounded him, the Indian fell, but as they were going to him, he arose, cast away his Blanket and Pack, ran to *Concord*-River that was near, and was seen sink in the River, and suppose he was drowned.

*Woburn*, July 11. On the Lords-day night the 7th Currant, Dyed here Major *James Converse* Esq. Aged about 62 Years: And was Interr'd on Tuesday the 9th Instant.

*Piscataqua*, July, 12th. On Tuesday the 9th Currant arrived here Mr. *Nathanael Gerrish* about 9 Weeks passage from Fyall. And on Thursday the 11th. Her Majesty's Ship the Dover a 4th Rate Capt. *Mathews* Commander, with two Mast-Ships *viz.* The New-Hampshire Capt. *Eason* Commander, and the Thennet Capt. *Martyn* Commander, who came out of Lisbon the 9th of *May*, both loaden with Salt and other goods, bound hence for Boston with the first fair Wind: There came out in Company with them for Boston Capt. *Minot*, Capt. *Javernin*, Capt. *Coggins* and Capt. *Fendal*, whom they parted with about Six Weeks ago.

No late impression of the Enemy, but dayly expected; our Frontiers are in readiness to receive them: several Tracts of the Enemy are dayly seen.

✓ *Boston*, By Letters of the 15th of *June* Last *via New-York* from South Carolina, we are acquainted, That it is very Sickly there, & that several have lately died.

And by Mr. *Ebenezar Parker* from Barmuda, we are informed, That the Vermin there do so abound as to eat all the Fruits of the ground.

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Last Week one of the Sculking Indian Enemy was kill'd at *Groton*, and another at *Kingston*.

On Saturday the 13th. Currant His Excellency the Governour was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province, unto Wednesday the 7th day of *August* next.

Coasters Entered Inwards, from Connecticut *Phillips, Hilliard, Brown, Rhodes and Green*. Outward for Connecticut, *Curtice, Hedge, Lothrop, Walker, Allen & Pain*. Foreign Inwards from Barmuda, *Ebenezar Parker Sloop Dolphin*: from St. Christophers, *Thomas Clark Sloop Endeavour*. Cleared Outward for Barbadoes, *John Myles Ship Unity, John Jenkins, Ship Robert, Thomas Diamond Ship Abigail, Joseph Everton Brigt. Elizabeth, William Wyer Brigt Endeavour, Thomas Pemberton, Sloop Seaflower, and Nathanael Carey Sloop Katherin*: for Montserrat, *Francis Norris Sloop Seaflower, and John Blew Brigt Dragon*: for Fyall *William Clark Sloop Endeavour*: for Jamaica *Walter Goodridge Ship Francis, and William More Sloop John and Thomas*: for Newfoundland *John Babbage Oporto Merchant, John Horton Brigt. Tryal, John Richards Brigt Endeavour John Sharp Sloop Four Friends and Robert Melvill Sloop Timothy*: for Barmuda, *Solomon Pitman Brigt. Content*. Outward bound for London, *William Holeberton Ship Anne, and George White-horne Ship Anne*: for Newfoundland *Arthur Savage Triton Galley*.

On the 14th arrived Capt. *James Grant* in a Katch from White-haven, 14 weeks passage.

The French Sloop mentioned in our last to be taken by Capt. *Southack* was taken by Capt. *Cawly*.

**T**He Undernamed Mareens having Deserted Her Majesties Service from on board Her Majesties Ship the Deptford, Viz William Stewart, a well set fresh coloured young man, white hair, aged about 24 years, about 5 Foot & 7 Inches high, a Weaver by Trade, now lurking in or about Scituate. Tristram Derby a well set man, wore a Wigg, aged about 50 years, about 5 Foot & an half high, by Trade a Miller. Thomas Hooper, a well set young man, streight brown hair aged about 24 years, 5 Foot and an half high, a Weaver by Trade; and Henry Willis a young man aged about 20, with short cropt hair, Pockholes in his Face, about 5 Foot and 5 Inches high, by Trade a Shoe maker. If these or either of them within ten dayes from the Date hereof, repair to their Duty on board Her Majesties said Ship at Boston, shall be acquitted of their Crime, and well Received.

These are therefore to Notify to all Persons, That whosoever shall apprehend and secure the said Deserters or any one of them, (so as that he or they may be delivered unto Capt Thomas Sutton Commander of the said Mareens at his Lodging in Boston) shall be immediately

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*paid Four Pounds, and reasonable Charges; and in case any of them should be brought to Boston when Her Majesties said Ship should be at Sea on her Cruise, Then the said Deseriers to be brought unto John Campbell Post-Master of Boston.*

### Advertisements.

**T**here is now arrived from England good Cordage of all Sizes, from a Spun-yarn to Cables of 16 Inches; as also Canvas, to be Sold by Mr. John Mico Merchant, either by whole Sale or Retail, at his Warehouse upon the Dock in Boston.

The following Books to be Sold by Benjamin Eliot, at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in Boston, Viz.

**T**he Joy of Faith, or a Treatise opening the Nature of Faith, its lowest Stature and distinction from Assurance, with a Scripture Method to attain both, by the Influence and Aid of Divine Grace: With a Preliminary Tract evidencing the Being & Actings of Faith, the Deity of Christ, and the Divinity of the Sacred Scriptures. By the Reverend Samuel Lee M A Sometime Fellow of Wadham Colledge, Oxon.

**M**editations on the Glory of the Lord Jesus Christ: delivered in several Sermons, by the Reverend Mr. Increase Mather.

**M**eat out of the Eater, or Funeral-Discourses occasioned by the Death of several Relatives. A Work Accommodated unto the Service of all that are in any Affliction; but very particularly such as are Afflicted with the Loss of their Consorts [paper worn] Children

**T**he Armour of Christianity: A Treatise detecting first the Plots of the Devil against our Happiness. Declaring then, the Wiles by which those Plots are managed. And propounding Lastly, the Thoughts by which those Wiles may be defeated.

**C**ares about the Nurseries, Two brief Discourses: The one offering Methods and Motives for Parents to Catechise their Children while yet under the Tuition of their Parents. The other offering some Instructions for Children, How they may do well, when they come to years of doing for themselves.

**A** Sermon Preached before His Excellency the Governour, the Honourable Council and Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New England: on the 29th of May 1706, which was the day for Election of Her Majesties Council for that Province: By the Reverend Mr. John Rogers.

**A** Sermon Preached in the Audience of the General Assembly at the Publick Lecture in Boston, November. 1st. 1705. upon these Words, Hosea 7. 9. Gray hairs are here and there upon him yet he knoweth not. By the Reverend Mr. Ebenezer Pemberton. Both

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which Sermons were Published at the desire of the House of Representatives.

[Reprinted: a ketch for sale, as in July 8; a negro slave girl to be sold, as first in July 1; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

B. E.

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From Monday July 15. to Monday July 22. 1706.

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[**W**ITH this issue the size is reduced to two pages folio. As in the several immediately preceding numbers, the foreign news is given as "by letters from London," and is mainly from London, Paris, Vienna and Frankfort, occupying nearly one half of the issue.]

*Fiall, June 16.* We have here a Sloop and a Brigt. from *Pensilvania*.

Philadelphia, July, 11th. This day arrived here a Barque from Boston, one Hill Master.

New-York, July 15th. On Fryday last Her Majesties Ship the *Triton* Prize sailed out of Sandy-hook on a Cruise.

Entered out, Two Sloops for Barbadoes, a Ship for England via Virginia, and a Ship for Newfoundland. Capt. Sandford for South-Carolina will Sail about a fortnight hence.

Piscataqua, July, 18th. On Monday the 15th Currant arrived here Capt. Wincoll, who came from Lisbon with the Mast Ships and others for Boston, but stopt at Fyall. No late discovery of the Enemy. Our General Assembly is now Sitting; The Honourable the Lieutenant Governor being present.

Ipswich, July, 19th. Yesterday there was two Women kill'd with Lightning at Cape Anne.

*Marblehead, July 20.* On Wednesday the 17th Currant arrived here Capt. *Samuel Coggin* in the *Sarah* and *Elizabeth*, and Capt. *James Fendal* both from *Lisbon*, they came from thence the 9th of *May* last, in Company & under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the *Dover*; arrived here also Capt. *Christian*, in a Ship from *England*, bound for *Virginia*, who was beaten off that Coast. And on the said day arrived Capt. *Abraham Winter* in the Ship *Francis*, who came out of *Plimouth* the 8th of *May* last, with a Fleet consisting of about 90 Sail, under Convoy of about 20 Men of War, about 10 Sail whereof under the Command of Sir *Stafford Fairborn*, went to Cruise

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before *Brest*; 7 more and 2 Fire-ships under Command of Cap. *Kerr* in the *Bredah*, with about 40 Sail of Merchant-men bound for *Barbadoes* and *Jamaica*; Her Majesty's Ship the *Hazardous* for *Virginia*, Capt. *Brown* Commander, with 5 Sail of Merchant men, and Capt. *John Bond* for *New-York*; Capt. *Winter* parted with them about 150 leagues, from St. *George's* Bank. Her Majesty's Ship the *Warrick* Capt. *Raymond* Commander, with 17 Sail of Merchant-men for *Newfoundland*; There came also out in Company with Capt. *Winter*, one *Dennis* for this place, and *David Craig* in the *Sarah* for *Boston*, he parted with the last about a fortnight ago, and with the first about 10 days ago. We are acquainted by Capt. *Winter*, that Capt. *Beavis*, who Sailed from *Boston* about the middle of *February*, was taken near the Channel, about the middle of *March* last.

That Capt. *Pitts*, Capt. *Gerrish*, and another Ship from *London* to *Boston*, were to Sail about the latter end of this month.

*Boston*, The following Acts were passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*; Begun & Held at *Boston*, upon *Wednesday* the 29 of *May*, 1706 *Viz.*

*An Act for Reviving and further Continuing of several Acts therin mentioned, that are near expiring, viz The Act to prevent the Deserting of the Frontiers of this Province.* The Paragraph in Addition to the *Act for Levying Souldiers.* *The Act Granting to Her Majesty an Excise upon Wines, Liquors and Strong Drink Sold by Retail.* *The Act Granting unto Her Majesty, several Rates and Duties of Impost and Tunnage of Shipping.* *The Act for Punishing of Officers and Soldiers retained in Her Majesty's Service, and under Pay*

*An Act for better securing the Payment of Prison Charges*

*An Act for Reviving and further Continuing of the Act directing how Rates or Taxes to be granted by the General Assembly, shall be Assessed and Collected.*

*An Act for Erecting of a Powder House within the Town of Boston.*

*An Act for the better preventing of Criminals avoiding of Justice.*

*An Act for Apportioning and Assessing of four several Taxes on Polls and Estate, Pursuant to the Funds and Grants made to Her Majesty, by the General Assembly, in the years 1704, 1705, and 1706.*

On Wednesday the 17th Instant, arrived here from *Piscataqua*, Her Majesty's Ship the *Dover*, Capt. *Mathews* Commander, and the two Mast-Ships, who arrived last week at *Piscataqua* from *Lisbon*, by whom we are advised, [here follow items of foreign news.]

On *Fryday* the 19th Currant, arrived here a Brigt. from *St. George's*, *Jeremiah Tay* Master, about six weeks passage who informs, [here follow items of foreign news.]

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On Saturday the 20th Currant arrived here a Sloop from *South-Carolina* 14 days passage, *Thomas Lanyon* Master, who says, That there was 2 Vessels arrived there from *England*, the one a Brigt. from *Bristol*, 10 days before he Sailed, and the other a Ship from *Liverpool* 7 days, each had at their arrival but 5 weeks passage, both brought the following Account, [here follows an account of the hostilities in Spain.]

Capt. *Tyng* with the Forces under his Command, who went into the Woods from *Dunstable* in quest of the Indian Enemy, is returned without meeting any of them, who are judged to have had a great many wounded men, with whom they are drawn off at some good distance.

At His Excellency's Direction Col. *Taylor* is returned home from the Frontiers, having left them in a good posture of defence.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Lewis* from Connecticut, & *Flood* from Piscataqua. Outward for Connecticut *Darby, Smith* and *Rhodes*; for New-York, *John Bradduck*, and *Abraham Schellinx*. Foreign Inwards from Whitehaven, *James Grant*; from Fyall *Nathaniel Gerrish*, Ship *Benjamin* and *Peter*, and *William Rowlson* Sloop *Elizabeth*. From Lisbon *Josiah Minot* Ship *Samuel, Robert Eason* Ship *Hampshire*, and *Peter Martin* Ship *Thennet*: From St. George's *Jeremiah Tay*, Brigt *John* and *Ann*: from St. Christophers *Richard Shute*, Sloop *Richard*: From Exon *Abraham Winter*, Ship *Francis*. Cleared Outwards for Antigua *Tobias Green* *Mayflower*, *Nathaniel Harris* Brigt. *Swallow*, *Isaac Fowle* Brigt. *Abigail*, and *David Bucklin* Brigt. *Randal* For Newfoundland *Timothy Kemble* *Tritton Galley*: For St. Christophers *Daniel Wyborn* Sloop *Hawk*: for St. George's *William Goddard* Brigt. *Sea-flower*; for Barbadoes *Isaac Perkins* Sloop *Rosanna*; for Suranam *Joseph Faborne* Brigt *Friendship, Jeremiah Cushing* Sloop *Industry*, and *Philip Lewis* Brigt. *Hope*; for Fyall *Noah Guille* Sloop *Adventure*. Outward Bound, *Thomas Hunt* for Newfoundland Sloop *Panther*.

In our Numb. 116. in a Paragraph of N. York thro' an Error of the Press, there is a Comma misplaced at the word appeared which should have been placed at the word not.

### Advertisements.

**R**an-away from his Master *George Robinson Carver* of Boston, on Tuesday last the 16th. Currant, A Negro Man-Slave Named *Jo*, of a middle Stature, well set, Speaks good English, aged about 32 years, has on a sad coloured Jacket, white Shirt, and Leather Breeches. Whosoever shall apprehend and take up the said Runaway, so that he may be delivered unto his said Master, or give any true Intelligence of him, shall have a Sufficient reward.

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[A S in immediately preceding issues, most of the foreign news in the two pages of this number is "by letters from London," and includes advices from London, Zurich, Hague and elsewhere, of March dates.]

*Philadelphia, July 18.* On the 16th arrived here one *Keel* in a Sloop from *Antigua* and *Nevis*, who had about 15 days passage from *Anguilla*, who informs that there was a Ship lately arrived at *Nevis* from *England*, who came out with a Squadron of 12 Men of War bound to the *West-Indies*, who put in to *Madera*, but the above Ship made the best of her way: It's said, That General *Park* who was daily expected is on board the Squadron. We are also advised, that Monsieur *Deberville* has written to General *Gabaret* in *Martinico*, that he is bound from St. *Domingo* with 10 Sail of Ships, & about 25 Sail of smaller Vessels to *Jamaica*, and from thence to the Northward (it's thought to *New-York*.) That there are 2 Ships and 2 Sloops gone from *Martinico* to Cruise on the Coast of *New-York*. Yesterday arrived *Erasmus Lowes* in a Ship. from *Whitehaven*, but last from *Belfast* in *Ireland* about 14 weeks passage: Capt. *Burnam* in a Ship Sail'd yesterday for *Madera*; some Sloops are Lading for *Madera* and *Fyall*, and several for *Barbadoes*, *Jamaica* and *Virginia*.

*New-York, July 22.* Last night arrived here *Arnold Crook* in 7 weeks from *Madera*, he left that Island in Company of 12 Sail of Her Majesties Ships of War bound to the *West-Indies*, on board of whom is Col. *Park*, General of the *Leward-Islands*; Capt. *Bond* bound hither, came out of *England* with this Fleet, but is not yet arrived.

By a Letter from one of the Captains of the above Squadron we are acquainted, That [here follow items of foreign news.]

*Dirick Adolph* is arrived from *Boston*: Entered out a Brigt. from *Madera*, & a Sloop for *Surranam*. This day an Embargo will be Laid on here.

✓ *Piscataqua*, July 25th. On Tuesday the 23d. Currant eleven men about a Mile from Mr. Hilton's Garison at Exeter mowing in a Field, were insulted by about 40 Indians, One of the two that stood Centinal fired at them, but the other 9 being hard at work, were intercepted

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from their Guns, of which 2 in the whole were slain, one desperately wounded, two more made their escape, and six wanting, which are supposed to be either kill'd or taken Captive.

Several Companies of our Forces went in pursuit of the Enemy, who about a Mile from the place where they did the mischief, gave a great Shout, and separated themselves, so that none of them could be found.

On the 24th. arrived Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford* from Boston Captain Stuckley Commander, with whom came his Excellency our Governour, who is now Sitting here in General Assembly.

*Boston*, At *Groton* on the Lords-Day the 21st Currant, 3 Souldiers going to the place of Publick Worship, passing over a Fence through a Field of Corn, some of the Sculking Indian Enemy being hid in the Field, shot at them, kill'd two and Captivated the third.

On Monday the 22d Currant, His Excellency our Governour Embarkt on board Her Majesty's Ship the *Deptford*, for his other Goveru[n]ment of *New-Hampshire*.

*On the said Day there was a Lad Mowing in a Field at Sudbury toward Sun-set, espied an Indian near to him, and he having a Pistol hanging at his Girdle, fired at the Indian whom he saw fall, the Lad made the best of his way home; the next morning Major Brown with a party of men went out in search of him and view'd the place, where they saw a considerable quantity of Blood on the ground, and 'tis supposed the Indian was mortally wounded, but that his Mates, as they usually do, carried him off.*

*In regard that Labourers at this time of the year are very difficult to be got even for wages: The Inhabitants of the Town of Milton as is their usual Custom every year freely offered their Service to their Reverend Minister, Mr. Peter Thacher, to cut down his Grass, make his Hay, and carry it into his Barn, and to their praise and commendation be it spoken: On Monday last there was no less in his Field than 26 Men Mowers in a Breast, and on Wednesday there was 14 others that were Rakers; and on Thursday 16 more, and no doubt there was a competent number on Fryday and Satturday (though not come to our knowledge) to carry it into the Barn.*

By Letters *per Cravath* from *Oporto*, May, 7th. [Here follows a little more than half a column of foreign news.]

Coasters Entered Inwards *Peter Harris* and *Sam. Prince* from Connecticut. Outward *George Phillips*, *Francis Browne* and *Ebenezar Parker* for Connecticut. Foreign Inwards *Ezekiel Cravath* Ketch *Dolphin* from *Aviro*. Cleared Outward for *Jamaica* *Robert Meers* *Brigt. William*; for *Monserrat* *William Cooke* *Brigt. John* and *James*. Outward Bound for *Antigua* *Ebenezar Payne* Sloop *Nicholas* and

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Mary, and John Walker Sloop Burbuda; for London *Pelatiah Kinsman* Ship Hopewell.

**Advertisements.**

The following Books to be Sold by Benjamin Eliot at his Shop, under the West-End of the Town-House in Boston, Viz.

**I**nvisibles, Realities, Demonstrated in the Holy Life and Triumphant Death of Mr. John Janeway, Fellow of Kings Colledge in Cambridge: by the Reverend Mr. James Janeway.

**A** Token for Children, being an exact Account of the Conversion, Holy and Exemplary Lives and Joyful Deaths of several Young Children: by the Reverend Mr. James Janeway. To which is added, A Token for the Children of New-England, or some Examples of Children in whom the fear of God was remarkably budding before they died.

**S**Even Sermons, (1st) of the Unpardonable Sin against the Holy Ghost, or the Sin unto Death, &c. By the Reverend Mr. Robert Russel.

**T**he best Friend standing at the door, or Christs Awakening and Affectionate Call, both to Professors and Secure Sinners for Entrance into the House: in Six Sermons, by the Reverend Mr. John Ryther.

**R**an-away from his Master Samuel Niles of Kingstown in Narraganset, A Spanish Indian Man-Slave, aged about 28 years, speaks good English, a short fellow, much of the reliques of the small Pox to be seen in his Face, has a broad face, a broad flat Nose, his teeth are thin before; has on grayish coloured Cloaths much worn. Who-soever shall take up the said Indian and bring or convey him safe to his said Master, or secure him and send notice of him, shall be well rewarded and satisfyed for his pains.

✓ **A**ny Person that wants to borrow 220 Pounds at Interest, giving good Security, may repair to John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

[Reprinted: cordage for sale by John Mico, as in July 15; negro slave girl to be sold, as in July 1; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

**A. E.**

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# **The Boston News-Letter.**

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**[F**OREIGN news in this number is principally from London and Paris, of March dates. Much of it refers to the war in Spain,

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and particularly to the siege of Barcelona. With this issue the rules above and below the line "Published by Authority" in the heading were dropped.]

Barbadoes, June 22d. About a week ago arrived here a Vessell from Ireland, who reports; . . . ; and that 30 odd Sail of Men of War were fitting out for the West Indies. Three days since was Published here a Paper Credit to stand for five years. To Morrow Sailes our Fleet for England. Five days ago arrived here Capt. Flint and Fyfield from Boston. We have had no Pacquet since my last.

St. Christophers July 8. There is a Packet from *England* arrived at *Antigua*, by whom we have the following Account; [here follows a short account of the defeat of the French and Spanish forces before Barcelona.]

*New-York, July 29.* On the 26th arrived here Braddick in a Sloop from Boston, who on the 18th instant, off *Cape-Cod* in the night heard great Guns fire for several hours. The same day arrived a Sloop from *Turks Island* with Salt, that belongs to *Barmuda*.

Last week an Embargo was laid here for 60 days, and all persons forbid all manner of Labour, and all the Shops shut up until the Fortifications of this City be finished, so that we have near 1000 men at work every day.

On the 27th arrived here Capt. *Bond* from *England* with 34 Soul-diers (there was 40 but 6 dyed in the passage) and 80 Barrels of Powder; we have advice that a Man of War is bound hither with 60 more Soul-diers, Cloaths, Stores, &c.

The Ship *Unity, William Patience* Master, lay Loadened in the *Downs* bound hither, and would Sail with the first Convoy.

We have no News so late by Capt. *Bond* as that in the *Boston News-Letter*.

Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton's* Prize is not yet returned from her Cruise.

*Piscataqua, Aug. 1.* On Tuesday the 30th of *July* His Excellency our Governour went on board the *Province-Gally*, in order to return to *Boston* for his other Government of *Massachusetts-Bay*; And on the said day at evening there was a man kill'd at *Wells*, & another wounded by the sculking Indians, pursuit was made after the Enemy but could not be found.

*Hampton, Aug. 1.* This day there was a man kill'd near the *Falls*, and a Lad taken by the Indian Enemy.

We had a Company out in quest of them in 10 minutes after the mischief was done, but the Enemy escap'd, & left some things behind them, Major *Smith* is still out in the Woods with 100 men in search of them.

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*Boston*, On Thursday the 1st Currant arrived here the Province-Galley from *Piscataqua*, with whom came His Excellency our Gover-nour from his other Government of *New-Hampshire*.

On the said day arrived a Flag of Truce Bark from *Canada*, with Mr. *Shelden* the Messenger whom His Excellency sent to the Gover-nour of *Quebeck* for the Exchange of Prisoners, who has brought with him 45.<sup>159</sup>

On Wednesday next the 7th Currant sits here the General Assembly of this Province, unto which day it stands Prorogu'd.

On Saturday last, by the great diligence of Capt. *Redknap* Her Majesty's Engineer, the 20 pieces of Cannon were mounted at the Castle of this place; The Garison consisting of 200 men besides Artificers dayly working there; so that now all is very compleat: A Regiment consisting of 500 men under the Command of Col. *Hutchinson* being always in readiness for the Service there.<sup>160</sup>

*By Letters by the Packet* Via *Antigua*, we have this Account: [here follows foreign news.]

Coasters Inward, *Jackson* and *Abbot* from *Piscataqua*, *Nath. Loring* from *Connecticut*. Outward *Jonas Green*, *Carteret Gillam*, *James Lewis* and *Elisha Hedge* for *Connecticut*; *Nath. Geerish* and *Joseph Flood* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards from *Fiall James Calley* Ketch *Blessing*; from *South-Carolina* *Thomas Lanyon*, Sloop Return; from *Barbadoes* *Lewis Hunt* Ship *Victory*; from *Antigua* *John Fisher* Sloop *Blackthorne*; from *St. Christophers* *John Redduck* Sloop *St. Christophers*. Cleared Outward for *Jamaica* *William Russel* *Brigt. Dolphin*. Outward bound for *London* *Robert Eason* Ship *New-Hampshire*, and *Peter Martin* Ship *Thenet*; for *White-haven* *John Smith* Ketch *Belford*; for *Antigua* *Jonathan Hart* Sloop *Gilford*; for *Barbadoes* *James Berry* Ship *Swan*.

The Vessel for *New-haven* in *England*, will Sail about. 15 dayes hence.

### Advertisements.

**S**Tray'd from Mr. *Gamblings* Pasture in *Roxbury*, A Sorrel Horse with a white Blaze in his Fore-head, and one hind foot white: Whosoever shall take up said Horse, or give any true Intelligence of him unto Mr. *Nicholas Roberts* Merchant in *Boston*, so as the owner

159 Ensign *John Sheldon* of *Deerfield*: his second expedition to *Canada* for return of captives. See *Sheldon's A History of Deerfield, Massachusetts*, Vol. I, pages 332-333.

160 Reprinted from the *News-Letter* in *Notes*, in *The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . .*, Vol. VIII, page 552, in connection with the story of these pieces of ordnance, which were "sent by her Majt for her service at her Castle William" in response to a memorial from the General Court, February 1704-1705, for arms and stores.

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may have him again, shall have a Sufficient reward and charges.

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[THIS issue of two pages is remarkable for the predominance of domestic news. Foreign news is confined to two short paragraphs under London date of April 2, and two paragraphs under Fayal date of July 5, concerning affairs in Spain and Portugal.]

*Jamaica, June 24.* Upon Advice brought here by the Packet of the mischief done by the *French* Squadron upon Her Majesty's Subjects at St. *Christophers* and *Nevis*, and of their design to make an Attack upon *Jamaica*,<sup>161</sup> His Excellency our Governour laid on an Embargo, Arm'd and Disciplin'd a Regiment of Negroes, rais'd several Batteries, and mounted them with Guns; and made all necessary preparations to receive the *French*, having laid several Mines in the way to the principal places, thro' which the Enemy must pass (if they had Landed) to blow them up: And intended to give them a Field Battel, and ordered his Son to lead the Van-Guard, declaring that whosoever should flinch back should immediately be shot down.

Three Trading Sloops arriving at *Carthageen* from *Jamaica*, the Governour acquainted them, that the *French* designed to attack *Jamaica*, and advised them to make haste home to help defend their Island, fearing the *French* might be there before they got home; and accordingly dispatched them in two dayes with Eighty Thousand pieces of Eight.

A Runagado *English* man running from one of these Trading Sloops, offered his Service to the Governour of *Carthageen* to Pilot him to take the Island of *Jamaica*, and particularly Col. *Handisyde* our Governour in his House; which the Governour resenting as a villainous action, took the said Runagado and sent him with a Guard on board one of the Sloops, ordering the Master to secure and carry him unto the Governour of *Jamaica*, with whom he sent a Letter to His Excellency our Governour, acquainting him of the same, and that he hated Traitors. And upon the arrival of the said Runagado in one of the Sloops, a Court Martial was call'd, where the said Runa-

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161 See News-Letter Nos. 96, 103, 104, 107, 108 *ante*.

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gado being Tryed, was found guilty, Condemned to Dye, and Executed accordingly.

Four days ago the Embargo was taken off, and 2 days since the Colours were lodged and the Law Martial ceased upon advice brought here of the *French* Squadron's being separated and gone to several Ports to the Leeward. Monsieur *Deberville* the *French* Admiral beat up for Volunteers at *Petitguavus* and *Hispaniola*, in order to make a descent upon *Jamaica*, but the Inhabitants declined it, and he offered to force some *Spaniards* away, which caused a considerable Tumult among the people.

They are still Fortifying at *Jamaica*. Our Squadron under the Command of Admiral *Whetstone* consists of 6 Capital Ships, a Fire-ship and Tenders. The Fleet bound for England was Embargo'd, being about 40 Sail waiting for a Convoy, which was supposed to be Admiral *Whetstone*, when the other Fleet from *England* did arrive, whom we daily expect.

*Taunton, July 19.* About midnight the Thunder and Lightning split the wooden button on the top of the Vane Spindle of the Meeting-House, and split into shivers the post it stood in; but the Vane Spindle is not hurt, and carryed it off; and destroyed the biggest part of the Covering of the Terret boards, shingles and timber, and so descended on the proper roof of the Meeting-House, which is almost flat, and ript up the board and shingle for about 10 foot, and the two ends of the Rupture descended into the Meeting House two ways on the Fore-side of the Meeting House, and also two ways on the back-side of it, and split a principal long brace on the fore-side of the Meeting-House from end to end, and made it quite unserviceable, and came down on two of the middle of the Fore-side of the Meeting House, and ript off a considerable quantity of the Clapboards and boards on the outside, and also of the plastering and Laths on the inside, and grazed and hurt the timber all along as it came down. It has drove two of the Windows a little outward (one of the fore-side windows, and one of the back-side windows) it has taken off two great splinters (one on the upper side, another on the lower) of one of the Main braces that support the roof on the back-side of the house, the said splinters are about 4 inches square, and about 7 foot long; some of the wooden Frames of 4 windows are split off on the outside, the white Lime plastering in 4 or 5 places is blown off as with Gunpowder in considerable pieces. It took off a loose Seat from the East Gallery, and carried it above twenty foot, & left it on the Table without any harm: The ends of 2 or 3 boards of the Floor are blown up & the Nails of them drawn as if blown up with Gunpowder. Several paynes of Glass are considerably shattered;

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The post of one of the Seats in the upper Gallery which the Rayls went into is split to pieces and the Seats fallen down. No harm is done to the Bell only the Wheel is somewhat shattered. Several Posts and pieces of Timber are grazed as if they were gouged, Lime and Splinters are scattered over the Meeting-House, scarce any place free, and bits of Clapboard and Shingles are scattered round about the middle of the House.

The same night Ensign Thomas *Gilbert*'s old House was struck with Lightning, there was such a smoke and light and smell of Brimstone after the stroke, that they thought the House was on fire. It made holes in the Tunnel and sides of the Chimney, and so shatter'd it, that it is not safe making a fire in it; one of his Grand Children that lay in the same Room, was stunn'd a while, but recovered again.

*New-York, August 5.* On the 30th of *July* arrived here a Privateer Sloop of 6 Guns and 27 men, *Nath. Burchet* Commander, being the Tender of Capt. *Tongrelou*, which about [blank] weeks ago met with a Spanish Ship (bound from Canaries to *New-Spain*) of 600 Tuns, 24 Guns, and 250 men, near to *Cuba*, this Sloop fired 6 shot at her, two whereof hull'd her, one blew up the Round House, killed the Captain and 5 men, and another disabled, her Main Mast which afterwards fell over board, the Sloop finding the Ship too strong for her left her, and carried notice of her to Capt. *Tongrelou*, who immediately there-upon went in search of her, but could not find her; the Sloop soon after she parted with Cap. *Tongrelou* found the Spanish Ship ashore about a league from *Barricoe* upon *Cuba*, the Spaniards defended her from the shore, and at last capitulated with the Sloop for her Lading of Wines and Brandy, provided they would not burn the rest, nor the Ship; and accordingly she has brought hither 50 pipes of Canary and Brandy which they took out of her, but have not seen *Tongrelou* for seven, nor his Consort for 9 weeks past: The Spanish Ship was obliged to run ashore, having 8 foot water in the Hould before they knew of it, and upon her striking Ground, her Main Mast tumbled over board being wounded by a shot from the Sloop, but the Sloop knew not what execution they had done, till they found her ashore.

The same day arrived Capt. *Basset* in a month from *Jamaica*, who says Capt. *Pennistone* (a Privateer of this Port) boarded two Ships together, one of 18, and the other of 24 Guns, but was beat off with the loss of his Arm, and 9 men kill'd, and as many wounded, and obliged to bear away to *Jamaica*.

A Dutch Brigt. of 110 men, Consort to Cap. *Tongrelou* has taken a French Privateer of 14 Guns and 130 men belonging to *Petitguavus*, Commanded by the Chevalier *Courtney*, and carried her into *Jamaica*, she was designed for this Coast.

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We have advice by these Vessels, that 7 Fr. Ships were gone down to the Havanna, and that Monsieur Deverville with 5 men of War were still lying on the Northside of Hispaniola, but were sickly with the bloody Flux, and that at Jamaica they are not under any apprehension of being attack'd by them.

The Fleet from England was not arrived at Jamaica, the same day arrived here a Sloop from Curacoa, brings not any News.

Capt. *Basset* off Cape May was Chased by a Ship [blank] hours which gained upon him and got within half Gun shot of him, which obliged him to pull down his Round House, cut his Beam, and throw all upon Deck over board except his Guns; after which the Ship fell a Stern show'd her broad side and Stern, and fired a Gun to Leeward under English Colours, upon which *Basset* answered with a Gun to Leeward, but made the best of his way, tho' he took the Ship for the Triton's Prize, but it proved otherwise.

*On the 3d. Instant Her Majesties Ship Tritons Prize arrived at Sandy-hooke from Her Cruise, She has been at Virginia, and about 10 days since met the Hazardous with the Ships under her Convoy going into the Capes; they were dog'd 4 dayes off Nantucket by a Ship of about 20 Guns, which the Hazardous at last chased away; tis thought to be the same Ship that chased Basset. One of our Outward bound Sloops met the Tritons Prize at Sea, and told them, a small Briganteen had taken a Sloop upon this Coast, in his sight, the Triton immediately went in search of her, but could not meet with her on her Cruise.*

*Yesterday arrived here Capt. Davis from Jamaica, three Briganteens, and a Ketch for Boston, Noyce, Green, Long and Rayner Masters, came out in Company: He says the 7 Ships gone to the Havanna are the French men of War that lay on the North side of Hispaniola, who are very Sickly.*

*Our Fortifications we hope will be Compleat this week, and we shall have 100 Cannon Mounted in this City, besides the Fort, which is also put into very good Repair & Order.*

*Her Majesties Ship Lowstaffe will Sail in 3 days on a Cruise.*

*Piscataqua, August 8th. Just now is arrived Capt. Janverin from Lisbone, that came out in Company with the Mast Ships from thence, who after he parted with them was taken by a French Letter of Marque man, of 24 Guns, from the Havanna bound to Rochel, about 100 Leagues to the Westward of Fyall, Capt. Janverin bought his Ship again for 8000 Livers, and sent his Mate Hostage for the payment of the Money.*

*Boston, On Tuesday the 6th Currant arrived here Cap. Daniel Noyes from Jamaica, about 6 weeks passage; there came out in*

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Company with him about 20 Sail, some whereof for *England* and other places; for *New-York* a *Brigt*, and 2 *Sloops*; and for this place Capt. *Bartholomew Green*, Capt. *Rayner* and *Long*.

On Wednesday the 7th. Instant Satt the General Assembly of this Province, unto which day they stood Prorogu'd.

Her Majesty's Ship the *Deptford* arrived here on *Tuesday* the 6th Currant from *Piscataqua*, and designs to Sail on a *Cruise* on *Monday* the 12th Instant.

Coasters Inwards	From
<i>Collins</i> and <i>Flood</i>	<i>Piscataqua</i> .
<i>John Lothrop</i>	<i>Connecticut</i> .
Outward	For
<i>Peter Harris</i>	<i>Rhode-Island</i> .
For[e]ign Inwards	From
<i>Francis Ellis</i> Ship <i>Pleasure</i>	<i>Barbadoes</i> .
<i>Joseph Burchal</i> Sloop <i>Blossom</i>	<i>Barmuda</i> .
<i>Moses Wadland</i> Sloop <i>Seiflower</i>	<i>St. Georges</i> .
<i>Daniel Noyes</i> <i>Hannover Brigt.</i>	<i>Jamaica</i> .
<i>Bartholomew Green</i> <i>Swan Brigt.</i>	
<i>Joseph Rayner</i> <i>Ketch Freeke.</i>	
<i>John Hoddy</i> <i>Adventure Brigt.</i>	<i>Fyall</i> .
Cleared Outward	For
<i>Robert Eason</i> Ship <i>N. Hampshire</i>	<i>Piscataqua &amp;</i>
<i>Peter Martin</i> Ship <i>Thanet</i>	<i>London</i>
<i>Eleazar Johnson</i> <i>Brigt. Hopewell</i>	<i>Antigua</i>
<i>Jonathan Hart</i> Sloop <i>Gilford</i>	
<i>Thomas Savill</i> Ship <i>Two Brothers</i>	
<i>Thomas Hunt</i> Sloop <i>Panther</i>	<i>Newfoundland</i>
Outward bound	For
<i>Richard Shute</i> Sloop <i>Richard</i>	<i>St. Christophers</i>
<i>Joseph Burchal</i> Sloop <i>Blossom</i>	<i>Barmuda</i>
<i>Moses Wadland</i> Sloop <i>Seiflower</i>	<i>St. Georges</i>
<i>John Holland</i> <i>Brigt. Tygre</i>	<i>Madera</i>
<i>Thomas Miller</i> Ship <i>Enfield-Green</i>	<i>London</i>
<i>John Edwards</i> <i>Brigt Providence</i>	<i>Jamaica</i> .

Advertisements.

**H**ousing and Land being part of the Estate of Bartholomew Gedney Esqr. late of Salem in the County of Essex, and Province of Massachusetts-Bay in New-England: To be Sold by Mrs. Mary Gedney, Widow and Executrix of Doctor Samuel Gedney of said Salem: Viz.

Three House Lotts, about 40 foot Front, and 124 Foot deep each Lott.

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Another House Lott about 40 foot Front, and 124 foot deep, with an House and Barn on it.

As also a Dwelling-House, Warehouse, Wood-House, Yard Room and Garden, with a Ship Yard suitable for a Ship Carpenter: To be Sold by single Lotts or altogether.

**S**alt at Four Shillings per Bushel; To be Sold by Mr. Samuel Lilly Merchant, at his Ware-House upon the Dock in Boston.

**A** Negro Woman and a Negro Girle to be Sold, Inquire of John Campbell Post Master of Boston, and know further.

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**M. E.**

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**[A**gain, in this two page issue, the foreign news is subordinated, more than half the contents being of domestic affairs. Mainly, the foreign news is from Hague and Paris, concerning the siege of Barcelona.]

*Hartford, August 5.* The Towns in the County of *Hampshire* being greatly infested by the Sculking Indian Enemy: We are just sending out 50 Men with Dogs, who are to divide into small parties, and range the Woods on both sides the River, if possible to discover and annoy, the Enemy.

*New-York, August 12.* Last week we heard that two or three Sloops were seen Cruise off the East-end of *Long Island*. From *Philadelphia* we are advised, that Her Majesty's Ships the *Greenwich* and *Hazardous* are arrived in *Virginia*, and that it's said the Fleet from thence to *England* will Sail the middle of next Month: We daily expect more certain Intelligence by Gentlemen from thence.

Last night the Rt. Hon. the Lady *CORNBURY* departed this Life.<sup>162</sup>

162 Lady Cornbury (Katherine Hyde) was the daughter of Lord O'Brien—son of the earl of Richmond of Ireland—by his wife, Lady Katherine Stuart, daughter of the duke of Richmond and Lenox. Her obsequies were conducted with much pomp and ceremony in Trinity Church by the Reverend John Sharp, chaplain of the fort, and she was buried in Trinity churchyard. The great expense incurred for her funeral was one of the counts against Lord Cornbury for official extravagance. Several months later one Boudinot of Long Island was paid £300 from the sale of crown lands "as due for part of Lady Cornbury's funeral." See official papers in *Documents Relative to the Colonial History of New York*, Vol. V, p. 406 and p. 511.

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This morning arrived a Sloop from St. *Thomas*, one *Martin* Master brings no News. Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstaffe* will Sail this day on a Cruise.

*Rhode-Island, August 16.* Upon the Report that a *French* Squadron from the *West Indies*, under the Command of Monsieur *Deberville* is designed to come upon our Coast; His Honour our Governour call'd a General Council, & Council of War, in order to Consult what was proper to be done for Fortifying of this Place, and especially the Town of *New-port*, in case of an Attack from the Enemy. Whereupon the Inhabitants of the Town and Island are daily at work, making all necessary preparations to Fortify the same, several Breast-works and Half Moons near and about the Town are already cast up, and a Breast-work and Trenches from the Point before the Town to Coasters Harbour, & likewise at the South End of the Town, to prevent an Enemy's Landing near the Town; And if they should Land at a distance from it, we shall have the greater advantage against them, by reason of the many Stone Walls and Ditches they must pass thorow to come at the Town, where they may be Ambuscado'd.

Capt. *Cranston* from *Curacoa* arrived here in 18 days, by whom we are acquainted, that they had the same News there that we have had in the *Boston News-Letter*. [Here follow a few lines of foreign news.]

*Moses Butterworth* and *Robert Wrightington* for *Barbadoes*, and *John Chapman* bound for *Antigua*.

✓ *Piscataqua, Aug. 15.* On Saturday last, the Sculking Indian Enemy kill'd a man at *Dover*. And this day arrived here from Boston Capt. *Martin* in the *Thenet Mast* Ship. ✓

*Salem, August 17.* On Wednesday the 14th. *Currant*, arrived here *Eleazar Moses* from *Newfoundland* 22 days passage, who informs, That there is one Man of War at *St. Johns*, & about 40 Merchantmen. That Sir *W. Jumper* was daly expected from *Engl.* with a Squadron of Men of War, in order to Attack *Placentia*. That an English Prisoner retaken out of a French Boat informed that in *May* last, there was about 36 Sail of French Merchantmen in *Placentia*. That two Letter of Marque Men from *Bristol*, the one of 14 and the other of 16 Guns, and one of *London* of 24 Guns has Cruised on *Newfoundland* Coast, and had taken 20 Prizes, some whereof were Bankers, and others that were bound in to *Placentia*. Mr. *Moses* saw 4 or 5 Vessels going in to *St. Johns* as he came out, but knows not what they were.

✓ *Boston, An Act* Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province in their Second Sessions, upon *Wednesday* the 7th *Currant*, for Encouraging the Prosecution of the Indian Enemy and

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Rebels. Granting the following Reward or Præmium, (over and above the stated Wages, to such as are under Pay, and the benefit of Plunder, and all Indian Women and Children Prisoners under 12 Years of Age) to every Company, Troop, Party or Person singly, who shall Kill or Take any Male Indian Enemy or Rebel, capable of bearing Arms, or above the age of 12 years. *Viz.*

To the Regular Detached Forces under Pay, the Sum of *Ten Pounds per Head.*

To Voluntiers actually in the Service and under Pay, *Twenty Pounds per Head.*

To Voluntiers without Pay or Subsistance, *Fifty Pounds per Head.*

To any Company, Troop or Party Issuing forth upon an Alarm, to the Relief of any Town or Garrison Attackt, *Thirty Pounds per Head.*

On Saturday Sailed Her Maj. Ship the *Deptford* on a Cruise.

The said day Sailed the New-Hampshire Mast Ship for *Piscataqua* Capt. *Eason* Commander.

Coasters Inward	From
<i>William Smallage</i> Sloop Prosperous	Rhode-Island.
<i>John Lothrop</i> Sloop Swallow	Connecticut.
Outward	For
<i>Samuel Prince</i> Sloop Adventure	Connecticut.
<i>Jacob Parker</i> Sloop Endeavour	From
<i>James Blin</i> Sloop Sparrow	Pensilvania.
Foreign Inwards,	For
<i>James Gold</i> Sloop Hopewell	Jamaica.
<i>Samuel Long</i> Brigt. Sarah	For
Cleared Outward,	Antigua.
<i>John Welch</i> Brigt. Dolphin	Newfoundland.
<i>Benjamin Edward</i> Sloop Elizabeth	St. George.
<i>Moses Wadland</i> Sloop Seaflower	For
Outward Bound	London.
<i>Josiah Minot</i> Ship Samuel	Topsham.
<i>Thomas Fosdick</i> Charlestown Galley	Newfoundland.
<i>Thomas Lethered</i> Ship Olive Branch	St. George.
<i>Peter Man</i> Dart Galley	
<i>John Alden</i> Ship Swallow	
<i>James Gold</i> Ship Mary	
<i>Jeremiah Tay</i> Brigt. John and Ann	

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Whereas Peter Sonmans, son of Arent Sonmans Deceased, under pretext of being invested in several Proprieties and shares of Proprieties of Lands, Quit-Rents and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging,

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*purchased by his said Deceased Father in East and West New Jersey in America: Hath already Sold a considerable quantity thereof, and (as I am informed) is about Selling other parcels thereof. These are therefore to give Notice, That Her most Gracious Majesty, Queen Anne, by Her Letter dated at Windsor, the tenth day of September, 1705 in the Fourth Year of Her Reign, to His Excellency Edward Viscount Cornbury, Governour of the Province of New-Jersey, and to the Council of the said Province directed: Hath been pleased to signify, that the said Proprieties and shares of Proprieties of Lands, Quit-Rents and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging, do belong unto Her said Majesty; for that the said Arent Sonmans Deceased, was an Alien born, and incapable of taking or holding any Land otherwise than to the use of the Crown, by reason he was not Naturalized, nor made a Denizen of England. And further, That Her said Majesty is graciously pleased to grant all Her Right, Title, Interest and Claim to the said Proprieties and shares of Proprieties of Lands, Quit-Rents and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto Joseph Ormston of London, Merchant, and Rachel his Wife, and their Heirs for ever, in trust for Peter Sonmans, Rachel Ormston, and Joanna Wright and their Heirs for ever. And therefore by the said Letter doth direct His said Excellency and the said Council, to cause Letters Patents to be past under the Seal of the said Province, containing the grant aforesaid: and that such Clauses be inserted in the said Letters Patents as shall be requisite for making Her said Majesty's Grant good and effectual to the said Joseph Ormston and Rachel his Wife, and their Heirs, in trust as aforesaid, as by Her said Majesty's Letter may appear.*

*All which I the Subscriber being Agent for the said Joseph Ormston and Rachel his Wife, have thought fit to publish, in Order to prevent any persons being mistaken in purchasing any Right or Title to the aforesaid Proprieties and shares of Proprieties of Lands, Quit-Rents and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging, or any part thereof.*

Perth Amboy, July 24. 1706.

JOHN ORMSTON.<sup>163</sup>

The following Books to be Sold by Benjamin Eliot at his Shop under the West-End of the Town-House in Boston, Viz.

**E**nglands Perfect School-Master: Or Directions for exact Spelling, Reading and Writing: Showing how to Spell or Read any Chapter in the Bible, by four and twenty words only; with Examples of most words, from one to six syllables, both in whole words and also divided; with Rules how to spell them: Also how to spell all such words which are alike in sound, yet differ in their sense and spelling. Together with the true meaning and use of all stops and

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<sup>163</sup> Reprinted from the News-Letter, with a biographical and historical foot-note, in New Jersey Archives, First Series, Vol. XI, p. 18.

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points to be observed by all that would Read and Write well: With a Table of Orthography, shewing how to write true English: As also variety of Pieces, both of English and Latin Verse, on the most remarkable passages mentioned in Scripture, very useful for Writing-Schools: Lastly, Directions for writing of Letters, Acquittances, Bills of Exchange, Bills of Parcels, Bills of Debt, Bonds, &c. How to state Accompts aright, &c.

**T**HE Great Concern: Or a serious warning to a timely & thorough Preparation for Death: With helps and directions in order thereunto: By Edward Pearse: Recommended as proper to be given at Funerals.

**T**HE Call of Christ unto Thirsty Sinners, to come to him and drink of the Waters of Life: As it was Preached by that Holy Man of God, and faithful Servant of Christ, Mr. Thomas Allen, late Pastor of a Church in the City of Norwich, and sometime Teacher of the Church of Christ at Charlestown in New-England.

**A** Guide to Eternal Glory: Or brief directions to all Christians, how to attain to Everlasting Salvation: With several other brief Tracts, and Spiritual Hymns.

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**A. E.**

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**[L**ESS than two columns of this two page issue are filled with foreign news: confined to two letters from Hague, one of April 6, and the other of April 9, and one letter from Lisbon, dated July 7. The news is principally concerning the investment of Barcelona, and fighting in Flanders and Spain.]

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*Jamaica, July 8.* This morning arrived here a Ship from *Bristol*, the Master whereof informs, that Sir *John Leake* [account of naval engagement with the French squadron.]

Our Fleet from *England* not yet arrived, but are daily expected.

*St Johns Newfoundland, August 5th.* Here is Arrived Capt. *Michael Gill* and *Arthur Savage* in 9 days passage from *Boston* in *New England*; Capt. *Gill* in the Latitude of 48 8. met a *French* Banker of 6 Guns and 21 men, with whom he had a small dispute, and made the *French*-man Strike and Surrender. Unto whom he

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Sold his Ship again for 350 Pistoles in Gold, and has the *French* Captain on Board a Hostage for payment of the Money.

*New York*, Aug. 19. By an Express from Anapolis to Philadelphia, we are acquainted, that the Captain of Her Majesty's Ship the *Hazardous* the next day after his Arrival had writ to the Gouvernour of Maryland that he would Sail with the Fleet for England the 29th of this Month, whether the *Greenwich* arrived or not.

Adolph for Boston, and Sandford for Carolina Sails this day. Entered Outward bound are Laurence for Terceras, Basset, Stevens and Moyon for Curacao, Crook for Barbadoes, Smith, Norwood and Bedgood for Jamaica, Bond and Laurier for London Via Virginia.

A Sloop from Barbadoes one Fry Master bound for Rhode Island, came from Curacao about 3 weeks ago, was met on Fryday last by her Majesty's Ship the *Lowstaff*, seized and brought in here this day for want of a Register.

*Piscataqua*, Aug. 23. On the 18 Instant arrived here the New-Hampshire Mast Ship from Boston, Capt. *Eason* Commander.

*Marblehead*, Aug. 23, Capt. Cawley in the Ship *Essex* will Sail for Kingsayle in Ireland again the first of October next.

Boston, Capt. *Mathews*, Commander of her Majesty's Ship the *Dover*, designs to Sail from hence to *Piscataqua* the first of *September* next, and from thence to *England* the fifth of *October* following, to take under his Convoy what Vessels will be then ready.

By Letters (since the Post) from *New-York* of the 20th Currant, we are acquainted, That by a Sloop from *Curacao*, they have the self-same News there that we have here of the Signal Victories [in Flanders and Spain].

Coasters Inward	From
<i>Joseph Concklin</i> Tryal Sloop	
<i>Eleazar Darby</i> Elizabeth Sloop	
<i>John Groce</i> Speedwell Sloop	
<i>Giles Hall</i> Lyon Sloop	
<i>John Lothrop</i> Speedwell Sloop	
<i>Thomas Curtice</i> Swan Sloop	
<i>John Wells</i> Tryal Sloop	
<i>John Hedge</i> Speedwell Sloop	
<i>Benjamin Flood</i> Benj. & Mary	<i>Piscataqua.</i>
<i>Nathaniel Loring</i> Dolphin Sloop	<i>Rhode-Island.</i>
Foreign Inwards	From
<i>Eleazar Moses</i> Content Sloop	<i>Newfoundland.</i>
<i>John Pitts</i> Exchange Ketch	<i>South-Carolina.</i>

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Cleared Outward	For
<i>Elias Fortune</i> Endeavour Ketch	Monserat
<i>John Ventiman</i> Martha & Eliz. Ship	Jamaica.
<i>Joseph Burchal</i> Blossom Sloop	Barmuda.
<i>James Loring</i> Industry Brigt.	
<i>Joseph Vearing</i> Colman Frigot	Barbadoes.
<i>John Walker</i> Burbuda Sloop	Antigua.
Outward Bound	
<i>Richard Pitcher</i> Lydia Brigt.	England.
<i>Lewis Hunt</i> Victory Ship	Newfoundland
<i>Peter Hawksworth</i> Mary Fortune Ship	
<i>Jonathan Evans</i> Expectation Brigt.	London.

[The notice concerning the new postal service between England and the West Indies is reprinted as it appeared in the issue of June 3.]

### Advertisements

**A** Negro Man Slave, Two Negro Women and a Negro Girl to be Sold: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: sale of housing and land of estate of Bartholomew Gedney, as in August 12; sale of salt by Samuel Lilly, as in August 12; sale of English newspapers, as in June 10; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

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[A COMPARATIVELY small part of the two pages of this issue is given to foreign news, and that little is mainly in short paragraphs received by the way of West Indies ports.]

*Antigua, July 19. 1706. via Philadelphia.*

[Under this date line there are first, several paragraphs of news from Europe, and then follow various domestic news items.]

Commadore *Kerr* arrived here 4 days since with our General Col. *Parke*, and is gone to *Jamaica* with 10 Men of War, and 2 Fire Ships, and 2 Men of War from *Barbadoes*, and our 2 that were here expecting to find the French Fleet at *Jamaica*.

One of our Men of War cut a large Sloop out of *Guardiloop* Harbour.

One *Crapo* a French Privateer Sloop of 64 Men boarded an Irish

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man with Bease from Ireland, bound to *Jamaica* of 12 Guns and 20 men: The Irish man kill'd him 36 Men and Wounded him 14, & brought *Crapo* with the Sloop in here.

Her Majesties Ship the Kingsail has taken another Privateer, and a Ship of 20 Guns, loaden with Suggar and carried them in to Barbadoas.

Capt. *Plaisted* in a New Ship of 400 Tuns 20 Guns, 37 men, bound from *Boston* to *Jamaica*, was taken by a French Man of War of 48 Guns, 350 Men, off *Portorico*, and was carryed in to *Martinico*, and was sent here in a Flag of Truce the 16th Currant. She took also an East-India Dutch Man of 36 Guns mounted, 600 Tuns, 200 Men.

*Maryland*, August 2. On the 29th last arrived Her Majesty's Ship the *Hazardous*, and 4 merchant-men 12 weeks from *Plimouth*: The Greenwich Man of War is daily expected. The Fleet for *England* designs to Sail the latter end of this Month, under Convoy of 5 Men of War. There is a Ship arrived in *Virginia* from *England* 6 weeks passage, who reports, that Sir *John Leake* met with the *French* Squadron and worsted them.

Master *Abbot* in a Sloop from *Boston* arrived here.

*Barbadoes*, August 3. Our Fleet from *England* arrived here the 2d of last month, under Convoy of Capt. *Kerr*, who is gone down to *Jamaica* with 12 Sail of Men of War to relieve Admiral *Whetstone* and his Squadron.

About 3 weeks ago Her Majesty's Ship the *Kingsayle* brought in 2 Prizes, a Sloop and a Ship of 20 Guns, the latter bound to *West France* in Company with two others of like Force, both loaded with Sugar, Cotton, some Cocoa and Indigo: The Sloop he cut from the Shore at *Martinico*.

We have lately Advice from *Antigua*, That a Vessel from *Ireland* of 10 Guns and 18 Hands (whereof 6 were Servants) bound for this place, was Attacked by a Sloop from *Martinico*, (who the day before took a Sloop from *Curacoa* bound hither) who boarded him, but the Captain of the Irish Man, and the rest of his men made a stout resistance, and kill'd 20 of the French men, and retook the Sloop and carryed her into *Antigua*: The Privateer had 50 men belonging to her, and do not hear that any of the English were kill'd.

Our Fleet for *England*, in whom goes His Excellency our Governour, will sail about a Month hence.

Capt. *Wilson*, Capt. *Fyfield* and Capt. *Flint* of *Boston*, are this day bound for *Saltertuda*, and from thence to *Boston*. Capt. *Taylor* will hardly Sail for *Boston* before our Fleet Sails for *England*. Capt. *Francis Plaisted* in the *Eaton Frigot*, bound from *Boston* to *Jamaica* is said to be carryed into *Martinico*.

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Our last Pacquet from *England* Arrived here the 4th of last Month, who brought us the glad Tydings of the Glorious and Signal Victory obtained by his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* over the French Army in *Flanders*, under the Command of the Duke of *Bavaria*: The Account whereof was sent Express to Her Majesty, with Col. *Richard Aid de Camp*, to His Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, which was Published by Authority at *St James's May* the 16th (and Reprinted in the *Boston News Letter*, Aug. 5 No. 120 to which we refer you.)

The further News from *England* by the Pacquet of *May* 30th is, [here follow items of foreign news, principally relating to the war on the continent.]

That Her Majesty has given the Scotch 10 Men of War and answerable Transports for 10000 Men, with whom they are to make an Attack upon some of Her Majesties Enemies in the West-Indies.

*Philadelphia*, Aug. 22d On the 17th arrived here Capt *Trot* from *Fyall*, 8 weeks passage, by whom we have the same News of the 18th of *June* from *Lisbon* that you have in the *Boston News-Letter* Numb. 121.

On the 20th arrived Capt. *Brown* in 23 dayes from *Antigua*, who brought us the News that is in the *Boston News-Letter* Numb. 120 and further says, that the Union between *England* and *Scotland* was agreed upon. That the Queen had allowed the *Scotch Caladonia* Company 100000*l.* That a Squadron of 15 sail of Men of War was designed for the West-Indies, and that the *Scotch* were raising several Thousand Men for that Expedition, and were to settle on what place they took from Her Majesty's Enemies. That the *French* Prize taken by Her Majesty's Ship the *Kingsayle* had 70000 pieces of Eight on Board. One *Stilwell* of *New-York* lost his Sloop upon *Barbuda*.

*New York*, August 26. On the 19th arrived here *Daniel Roberts* in a Sloop from *Jamaica* 40 days passage.

On the 22d. *Hugh Coward* in a Sloop from *Curacoa*, brings News from thence, which they had from *Holland* and *Barbadoes*, [war events in Europe.]

*Martin* is bound out for *St. Thomas*.

*Rhode-Island*, Aug 30 Outward bound are *Nehemiah Cuquit* for *St Christophers*; *William Codner* for *Suranam*; *Edward Gross* for *Madera*, *John Davis* and *Joseph Dill* for *Barmuda*.

*Salem*, Aug 31. This day arrived Capt. *Balch* in 33 days from *Antigua*, in whom came Capt *Francis Plaistead* a Passenger.

*Boston*, On Fryday the 30th of *August*, Capt. *Samuel Appleton* Esq. Commissioner (sent by His Excellency our Governour a Flagg

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of Truce for *Canada*, for the Exchanging of Prisoners) Sailed from Nantasket in the Briganteen *Hope*, Capt. *John Bonner* Master.

On the said day Sailed the French Barque, that came a Flagg of Truce from *Canada* with our Prisoners. As also did a Sloop for Port-Royal; in which Vessels there went about 70 French Prisoners.

His Excellency Ordered Capt. *Souihack* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the Province Galley, to Convoy them ten Leagues to the Eastward of Cape Ann.

About ten days ago His Excellency sent two men by Land to Mont Real, with Letters to the Gouvernour of *Quebeck*, desiring that our Prisoners might be ready at the Arrival of our Flagg of Truce there, in order to their returning hither before Winter sett in.

Coasters, Inward.		From
<i>Anthony Bracket</i>	Sloop <i>Kathrin</i>	
<i>John Abbot</i>	Sloop <i>Seaflower</i>	}
<i>Joseph Yorke</i>	Sloop <i>Mary</i>	}
<i>John Walker</i>	Sloop <i>Endeavour</i>	Connecticut
<i>Derick Adolph</i>	Sloop <i>Two Brothers</i>	New York
Outward		For
<i>John Grace</i>	Sloop <i>Prosperous</i>	
<i>Giles Hall</i>	Sloop <i>Lion</i>	
<i>Samuel Dutch</i>	Sloop <i>Nightingal</i>	Connecticut
<i>Jonathan Hilton</i>	Sloop <i>Success</i>	
Foreign, Inward,		From
<i>Abraham Gording</i>	Sloop <i>Fortune</i>	<i>Axuma</i>
<i>Thomas Ruck</i>	Brigt. <i>Fraternity</i>	<i>Barbadoes</i>
Cleared Outward		For
<i>Isaac Binney</i>	Sloop <i>Mary</i>	
<i>Ebenezer Breed</i>	Brigt. <i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>N. foundland</i>
Outward Bound		For
<i>Thomas Meers</i>	Sloop <i>Blessing</i>	
<i>Samuel Long</i>	Brigt. <i>Swan</i>	<i>Jamaica</i>
<i>James Grant</i>	Ship <i>Tryal</i>	<i>White-Haven</i>

In our last thro' an Error of the Press in a Paragraph from *Lisbon* of *July 7th*. It is said that 13000 men were Landed in *France*, Commanded by my Lord *Trevers*, and it should be my Lord *Rivers*

**Advertisements.**

The following Books to be Sold by Benjamin Eliot, at his Shop under the West-End of the Town-House in Boston, Viz.

**W**alking with God, the Great Duty and Priviledge of Christians: in two Sermons.

**L**oves Pedigree: Or a Discourse shewing the Grace of Love in a Believer to be of Divine Original: in one sermon.

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**T**He Best Priviledge: Or a Sermon wherin the Great Advantage of Enjoying the Oracles of God is displayed, & the Duty of such as have them is urged.

**T**He Man of War. A Sermon Preached to the Artillery Company at Boston, at the Anniversary day of Election of Officers. All Four by the Reverend Mr. Samuel Willard.

**T**He Door of Salvation Opened: Or a Voice from Heaven, to Unregenerate Sinners; plainly shewing the necessity of Opening your Hearts to Christ, or else He will Open Hells Mouth to devour you: with many sweet Invitations to come to Him, that they might have Life, and be hidden from the Wrath of God which is worse than Death. By D. Pede.

**G**OD's Frown in the Death of Useful Men: Shewed in a Sermon Preached at the Funeral of the Honourable Col. John Pynchon Esq. By the Reverend Mr. Solomon Stoddard.

**A** Good Master well Served: A Brief Discourse on the necessary Properties and Practices of a Good Servant, in every kind of Servitude: and of the Methods that should be taken by the Heads of a Family, to obtain such a Servant.

[Reprinted: notice of postmaster regarding advertising of letters not called for, as in July 1; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

**R. E.**

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**[F**OREIGN news in this issue consists of an abstract of a letter from the duke of Marlborough and the deputies of the States General to the States of Brabant, and the response thereto, and a half column of items concerning the fighting in Flanders.]

*Fyall, July 29* We have advice from *England* [foreign news.]

There was two Ships that touched in here from the *Canaries*, who gave us an Account, That Capt. *Halsy* in the *Charles Galley*, a Privateer from *Boston* had taken a Spanish Ship of 24 Guns from the *Havanna*, which he sent to the *Madera's*: He had also boarded another Ship of 40 Guns three times, but his Graplings breaking, was forc't to leave her.

*New-York, Sept 2.* Our Assembly is Adjourned to the 24th Instant. His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* sets out on Wednesday next for

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*Albany* to visit the Frontiers. No Vessels arrived since my last. Outward bound are *Van Bael* for *Suranam*, *Many* for *Jamaica*, & *Sleigh* for *Curacao*.

*Rhode-Island*, Sept 6 By Letters from *Lisbon* of *July 8* and *13* per Capt *Benjamin Cranston* from *Maderas*, 5 weeks passage, we have [war items "all mentioned these several weeks past in the *Boston News-Letter*."]

*Boston*, On Wednesday the 4th Curant, His Excellency was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province unto Wednesday the 2d day of *October* next.

An Act Pass'd at the last Session, Entituled, *An Act to prevent all Traiterous Correspondence with her Majesties Enemies.*<sup>164</sup>

	Coasters Inwards,	From
<i>Joseph Flood</i>	Sloop John & Abiel	
<i>Daniel Wair</i>	Sloop Adventure	{ Piscataqua
<i>Benj. Flood</i>	Sloop Benj. & Mary	
<i>Francis Brown</i>	Sloop Speedwell	
<i>Thomas Lothrop</i>	Sloop Diamond	{ Connecticut
<i>Joseph Allen</i>	Sloop John & Mary	
<i>George Phillips</i>	Sloop Supply	
<i>Joseph Bull</i>	Brigt. Mary	
<i>Will. Rhodes</i>	Sloop Rose	Rhode-Island
	Foreign Inwards	
<i>Samuel Sanders</i>	Sloop Mary	Corratuck
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	Cleared Outwards	For
<i>John Lathrop</i>	Sloop Swallow	
<i>Tho. Curtice</i>	Sloop Swan	{ Connecticut
<i>John Hedge</i>	Sloop Speedwel	
<i>Joseph Concklin</i>	Sloop Tryal	
<i>Dirick Adolph</i>	Sloop Two Brothers	{ New-York
<i>Lewis Hunt</i>	Ship Victory	N. foundland
<i>John Richards</i>	Brigt. Endeavour	Ditto
<i>Joseph Johnson</i>	Sloop Elizabeth	Pensilvania
<i>Richard Shute</i>	Sloop Richard	St. Christophr
<i>John Smith</i>	Katch Belford	White-haven
<i>Tho. Lytheret</i>	Ship Olive-branch	London
<i>Ebenezar Payne</i>	Sloop Swallow	Jamaica
	Outward Bound	
<i>Sam. Winckley</i>	Sloop Sarah & Hannah	Pensilvania

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<i>Tho. Barnes</i>	Brigt. Sarah	St. Christoph
<i>John Foster</i>	Ship Sarah	Barbadoes
<i>Will. Alden</i>	Ship Content	Ditto
<i>John Blower</i>	Ship Stanier Galley	Madera
<i>John Porter</i>	Brigt. Experiment	Tercera
<i>Ephraim Breed</i>	Ship Seaflower	Jamaica

**Advertisements.**

**M**istress Mary Turfrey at the South End of Boston, Intends to board Young Gentlewomen: If any Gentlemen desires their Daughters should be under her Education: They may please to agree with her on Terms.

**A**Certain Person has Lent Fuller's Holy War, his name is on the Frontice Leaf of it: Whosoever has borrowed the said Book, or into whose hands it may come, are desired to return it unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, that the true Owner may have it again.

[Reprinted: sale of negro slaves, as in August 26; sale of salt by Samuel Lilly, as in August 12; sale of English newspapers, as in June 10; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

**M. E.**

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## The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** September 9. to **Monday** September 16. 1706.

**NY**

**[O**F the four columns of this two page issue, three are filled with foreign news, under date of Lisbon, July 3, concerning military movements in Spain and the Low Countries.]

*Maryland, Aug. 27.* Since my last Her Majesty's Ship the Greenwich is arrived from *England* to *Virginia*, who is Commodore to the Homeward bound Fleet, that consists of about 200 Sail, under Convoy of 5 Men of War, & designs to Sail the latter end of this Month.

*New York, Sept. 9* From Pensilvania we have the Account of 2 Sloops arrived there from *Virginia*, that came from thence the 29th last, who said that the Fleet for *England* was to Sail the 1st Currant.

His Excellency Col. *Nott* Esqr. late Lieut. Governour of *Virginia* dyed about 14 days before they came away, was sick but 5 days.

We daily expect Capt. *Patience* from *England*.

Outward bound are Capt. *Bond* and *Laurier* for *London* Via

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Virginia, and Capt. Budge Via Piscataqua, Rolland for Jamaica, Gravenradt for Boston, and Coddin for Rhode-Island.

Her Majesties Ship the Tritons Prize will go to Sea the first fair Wind on a Cruise.

On Wednesday last his Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* Sailed from hence for Albany.

*Piscataqua, Sept. 12.* Several of the Sculking Indian Enemy have lately been seen, a Company went in pursuit of them, but could meet with none.

Last night arrived here from Boston Her Majesty's Ship the Dover, Capt. Mathews Commander.

*Bristol Sept. 12.* Mr. *Nathan Hayman* in the Ship Thomas & Francis bound for Antigua, will Sail in ten days.

*Rhode-Island, Sept. 13.* One Penrose in a Sloop from Barbadoes is arrived here. Outward bound are Godfrey and Codner for Suranam, and Gross for Madera.

*Salem, Sept. 14.* Capt. Francis Ellis in the Ship Pleasure is bound for Suranam.

*Boston,* On Wednesday the 11th Currant Sailed from *Nantasket* Her Majesties Ship the Dover, Capt. *Mathew's* Commander for *Piscataqua*.

Her Majesties Ship the Province Galley Capt. *Southack* Commander, is returned from Her Cruise, and is bound out again upon another.

Capt. *James Grant* Sailes for White-haven in *England*, the Latter end of this Month.

On Saturday night Her Majesties Ship the Deptford arrived at Nantasket from her Cruise.

And on said night Capt. James Pitts arrived here from *England*, who left Plymouth the 11th of July last, that came out in Company, with Capt. Geerish and Capt. Lowder for this place, under Convoy of Four Sail of Men of War, viz. the Faulkland, the Warrick, and the Larke, with 12 Sail of Merchant-men for Newfoundland, and the Gosport for *Jamaica*, with several Merchantmen, and some for *Guinea*: And Capt. Patience for *New York*: Capt Holland was Loading in *London* for the said Port.

Capt. Geerish and Capt. Lowder arrived at Nantasket on the Lords-Day

Inwards,		From
<i>John Smith</i>	Sloop Dolphin	Connecticut
<i>Peter Coffin</i>	Sloop Society	Nantucket

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Cleared Outwards,		For
<i>Benja. Flood</i>	Sloop Benj. & Mary	Piscataqua
<i>Willi. Rhodes</i>	Sloop Rose	Rhod-Island
<i>Tho. Lothrop</i>	Sloop Diamond	Nantucket
<i>Daniel Wair</i>	Sloop Adventure	Connecticut
<i>John Pattison</i>	Brigt. Providence	Jamaica
<i>James Berry</i>	Ship Swan	Barbadoes
Outward Bound,		For
<i>Richard Simes</i>	Brigt. Richard	Topsham
<i>Azor Gale</i>	Ship Friendship	Jamaica
<i>John Harris</i>	Brigt. Sarah	Ditto
<i>John Devereux</i>	Sloop Mary	N. Jersey
<i>Tho. Winsor</i>	Brigt. Adventure	Suraname
<i>Tho. Ball</i>	Sloop Elizabeth	Fyall

**Advertisements.**

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 1706.]

**A. E.**

**Number. 127.**

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**NY**

[IN this issue of four pages, nearly five and a half columns are filled with foreign news. At the top of the first column, on the first page, is the editorial note about the contents of the issue. Immediately following are the letters from the burgomasters of Brussels and the States of Brabant to the duke of Marlborough. From London, under June and July dates, are reports of the campaigns in Flanders and Spain, and there is other news of like character from Turin, Rome, Lisbon and Perpignan. In the domestic news, prominence is given to a Thanksgiving proclamation of Governor Dudley, and an account of the murder of Simeon Stoddard.]

In our Last we promised you the Copies of some Letters written to his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* immediately upon his obtaining of the Signal Victory in *Flanders*, over the *French* Army, under the Command of the Duke of *Bavaria*; which follow. We also promised you in this a more full Account of the Publick Occurrences of *Europe*, brought in the Ships from *England*: The chief whereof you have had in our Publick Prints for these 8 weeks past. The more particular Account whereof you shall (God willing) have in our succeeding Prints, with the other Occurrences that came not to our hands till now, by reason of several Publick Prints

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coming from *England* to the Undertaker that miscarried, by the Vessel they were in being taken: And to compleat our Print with the Publick News of *Europe* (as well as those of the *West-Indies*, besides those of this and the Neighbouring Provinces;) we must return where we left off to carry on the same. So that any one having our Prints for the Year, will be furnished, not only with all that is material in the Publick Prints of *England*, but also with the Occurrences of the *West-Indies*, and of this and the Neighbouring Provinces.

*Antigua, August 22d.* [This letter begins with a report of the victories of the duke of Marlborough in Flanders and then continues as follows:] Monsieur *du Casse* is came out of *France* with a Squadron for the *West-Indies*, and we fear another attack upon some of Her Majesties Plantations. We speedily expect 16 Sail of Men of War with 6000 Land Forces, to make a descent some where upon the Enemy. . . . We are afraid by reason of some flying Reports from *St. Thomas's*, that *Jamaica* is attacked by the Enemy.

By His Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England* A PROCLAMATION

for a General THANKSGIVING.

UPON due Consideration of the late Extraordinary and Eminent Appearances of Divine Providence, demanding Publick Acknowledgments, with Solemn Praise and Thanksgiving unto Almighty God; In Special, For His Gracious Protection and Assistance of Her Sacred Majesty, in the just War, in which Her Majesty is now Engaged; and for the Good Conduct and Courage wherewith Her Majesty's Armes, in Conjunction with Her Allies, have been Inspired, to the obtaining of so many Wonderful and Glorious Victories over their Proud Insulting Enemies; thereby disappointing their boundless Ambition.

As also, for the Defence Vouchsafed to these Her Majesties Plantations, Against the Attacks of the French, who, this present Summer, have made their Impressions upon some of Her Majesties Islands; For defeating the Designs and Attempts of the barbarous Indian Enemy and Rebels, and so for preventing of their Outrages; For the plentiful Harvest, after the immoderate Rains and Excessive Floods, in the begining of the Summer; For the great Measure of Health; The Return of many of our Prisoners from the French and Indian hands; And for other Great and Publick Blessings.

I Have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to Order and Appoint Thursday the Seventeenth of October next, to be Religiously Observed as a Day for General Thanksgiving throughout

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*both the Provinces: Exhorting both Ministers and People in their Publick Assembly's, thereon, to Offer up most Sincere and Hearty Praises to Almighty God, for His so Great and Admirable Favours and Benefits. Hereby forbiding all Servile Labour upon the said Day.*

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston the Nineteenth Day of September, 1706. In the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady A N N E, by the Grace of GGD, [sic] of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

By Order of His Excellency, the

Governour and Council,  
Isaac Addington, Secr.

J. DUDLEY.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

*Boston. We have by the Ships from England, the Melancholy News of the Death of Mr. Simeon Stoddard Merchant; [Son to Simeon Stoddard Esqr.] a Young Gentleman of an unblemish't Character, belonging to this Place; who was barbarously Murder'd.*

*And Whereas some false Reports have been raised concerning the manner of his Death, much to his Injury: It is thought proper by several Gentlemen, to give an Account of the Matters of Fact relating hereto, as far as is come to our Hands; that so his Honour and Reputation, who was known to be a Person of Indisputable Virtue, and uncommon Piety, might not be Wounded thro' Ignorance, or from any worse Principle.*

He was found the 14th of last May in a Pond or Gravel Pit in *Chelsea Fields*, with his Throat Cutt: His Corps was view'd, and his Wounds Examined by two Eminent Surgeons, who jointly declared, That it was evident to a Demonstration that he was barbarously Murther'd; being Cut from Jugalar to Jugalar one way; and a second Incision made round his Neck to the very Spondyls of the Neck-bone; and a third Incision under that, in which his Neckcloath was Cut, and he Cut near to the Shoulder: which they determin'd could never have been done but by a Murderers hand: and that it was absolutely impossible to have done this himself, had he attempted it; inasmuch as the smallest of these great Incisions would have determin'd all manner of power to make a second, much less a third. This judgment of the Surgeons was Confirm'd by the judgment of the Honourable Col. *Mordant*, Brother to the Earl of *Peterborough*, who was a Spectator; and his known Skill in Anatomy rendred him a proper judge.

A Jury of Sixteen Persons sat upon him, and made their Return, That he was Murthered; And all this passed while it was unknown who the Person was, and so could not be thro' favour. His Body lay several days exposed to view in the Church-yard at *St. Martins in the Fields*, that it might be known who he was: And not being

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known by any of the Spectators, the Vestry Clerk of the Parish of St. Martins, Prints an Advertisement in the *Post-Man* of May 30th, in which he is accurately described, in order to find out who he was; which Advertisement begins thus: *Whereas a Person unknown was found barbarously Murder'd &c.* By which Advertisement some Gentlemen of Mr. Stoddards Acquaintance, were put upon, to make Enquiry after him, and finding he had been absent for some time, and the Characters given of the Murder'd Person Suiting him; they obtained Liberty to take him up in the Church-Yard, where he had been Buried and found it to be their Friend.

Upon this, There were Advertisements Published in several GAZETTS for the discovery of the Murtherers; with the proposal of a Reward of *Fifty Pounds* to the Discoverer. In the GAZETT of July the 4th. A Proclamation from Her Majesty under the Hand of One of Her Majesties Principal Secretarys of State, to Encourage such a discovery. In these Words, *Whereas Mr. Simeon Stoddard Merchant, was, about the 14th of May last found most barbarously Murther'd, in or near Chelsea-Fields: Her Majesty is pleased to Promise Her most gracious Pardon to any Person or Persons concerned in the said Murther, (Except the immediate Mutherer, or Murtherers of the said Mr. Stoddard) who shall discover the Person or Persons that committed the same, so that he or they, or any of them, may be Convicted thereof.*

By the pains taken for the discovery. A Man and a Woman have, upon Suspicion, been taken up, and Committed to *New-gate*. The Grand Jury have found the Bill against them. There being Three Witnesses, who made Oath, That they heard the Woman Say to the Man (upon a Quarrel between them,) *Will you Murther me, as you did the Gentleman in Chelsea-Fields;* adding, That he came home with his hands bloody; and that he repented only that he had left the Gentleman so much Money in his Pocket. Their Tryal is put off to the next Sessions, that there might be time to gain further Evidence, which is probable will be to their Conviction.<sup>165</sup>

New-York, Sept. 16th. On the 10th. Instant arrived here a Sloop from Madera, Six weeks passage, Simon Pasco Master. By whom we have the same News that is in the Boston News-Letter, Numb. 125. with this addition, That Prince Eugene has obtained a Victory over the French in Italy.

Letters from Pensilvania inform us, That the Virginia Fleet were to Sail from thence to England the 10th Instant.

Adolph arrived here yesterday from Boston.

Rhode-Island, Sept. 20th. On the 15th. Currant came in here

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<sup>165</sup> See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 169, under date Satterday Sept<sup>r</sup> 21; also note 2, same page.

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Moses Butterworth, who Sailed from hence sometime in August last, bound for Barbadoes, he had 23 Horses on board; And the first Instant he met a violent Storm, which had like to have oversett him; he lost all his Masts, Horses and Guns.

Yesterday arrived here one Hooper in a Katch, who met with the same Storm above said, wherein She lost her Masts and Horses, She was bound from Boston to Montserrat.

Arrived Rhodes from Boston, and Codding from New-York; Lothrop bound for Connecticut.

*Salem, Septemb. 21.* On the 18th Arrived here Mr. *John Shattuck* about 11 weeks passage from *Lisbon*, and says, [concerning affairs in Spain].

Yesterday arrived here Mr. *Girdler* from Cape Sables, and brings Tydings that a Ketch belonging to this Town whereof *Joseph Woodbury* was Master, was Cast away upon Cape Sable Coast; the men endeavoring to save the Cables, Anchors, Rigging and Sails, with the assistance of another Vessels Crew; one *Robert Herbert* of the said Crew was shot down by the Cape Sable Indians, and the rest of the men made their escape.

*Boston*, By Letters from *Madera* Via *New-York* of *July 16.* and *August 8.* [Charles proclaimed King of Spain.]

	Inwards	From
<i>Elisha Hedge</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Fairfield
<i>Peter Harris</i>	Sloop Dolphin	New-Lond.
<i>James Pitts</i>	Ship David & Joseph	London
<i>Richard Geerish</i>	Ship Ruth Frigot	Ditto
<i>Henry Lowder</i>	Ship Thomas & Sarah	Ditto
<i>Richard Ingersol</i>	Sloop Sea-flower	Surranam
<i>Joseph Rawlings</i>	Sloop Mary	Antigua
	Cleared Outward	For
<i>Eleazar Collins</i>	Brothers Adventure	Piscataqua
<i>John Hoddy</i>	Brigt. Adventure	Ditto
<i>Joseph Allen</i>	Sloop John & Mary	Connecticut
<i>George Phillips</i>	Sloop Supply	Ditto
<i>Alexand. Duncan</i>	Sloop Friendship	N. York
<i>John Holland</i>	Brigt. Tyger	Madera
<i>John Blany</i>	Ship Ann	London
	Outward Bound	For
<i>Edward Beare</i>	Sloop St. Christoph.	St. Christoph
<i>Thomas Lanyon</i>	Sloop Return	Virginia
<i>Thomas Gwin</i>	Ship Eagle Galley	Antigua.
<i>Jonathan Lambert</i>	Ship Industry	Ditto

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Thomas Beard  
James Gold

Ship Adventure  
Sloop Hopewell

Madera.  
Pensilvania

**Advertisements.**

**T**O be Seen and Sold at Mr. Thomas Clarke Brazier his Shop in Boston, a large Copper that weighs 245 Pound, and holds upwards of a Hogshead.

[Reprinted: book lost, as in September 9; Mistress Mary Turfrey's boarding school, as in September 9; sale of salt by Samuel Lilly, as in August 12; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

**R. E.**

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[**I**N this issue prominence is given to the proclamation of Queen Anne, April 11, 1706, for better enforcing the law against Roman Catholics. There are items of war news from Gibraltar, Venice, Warsaw, Lisbon, Vienna and Leghorn, of March and April dates.]

*New York, Sept. 23* On the 17th Instant arrived here Capt. *William Patience* from England, who left Plimouth the 11th of *July* last in Company with Capts. *Pitts*, *Geerish* and *Lowder* for Boston, who brings the same News mentioned in the Boston News-Letter, Numb. 126.

On the 19th arrived here a private Ship of War, the New-York Galley, Capt. *Regnier Tongrelou* Commander, and brought in a Prize Ship of 170 Tons, having on board 460 Hogsheads of Sugar, about 1200 pound of Indigo, some raw Hides and Cotton. Off Cape Fran-swa Capt. *Tongrelow*, two Jamaica Privateers, and one of Curacoa espied 5 Sail and gave them Chase: Capt. Tongrelow took the biggest which is the Prize brought in here: The *Jamaica* Privateers took three, and that of Curacoa one, they were most or all of them Vessels that were taken out of Nevis Road by Monsieur Deberville, & by him Loaded.

The Prisoners inform us for Truth that Monsieur Deberville fully resolved to come hither, and in order thereunto had got 6 Privateers to joyn him with 5 Men of War, but Providence attacked him with a great Sickness and Mortality which happily frustrated all his measures, & obliged him to go to the Havanna; We hear he has sent two of his Men of War to M[is]sissippi, and 'tis believed he is Returned towards France with the rest.

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The Prize brought hither is an English built Ship, and was lately call'd the Monserat Merchant.

Capt. *Tongrelow* intends to Careen and fit his Ship again with all expedition, and be gone to Sea in 4 or 5 weeks time.

On the 20th arrived here a Ship from Exuma with Salt, *William Mizon* Master.

Mr. Gravenraedt will Sail this week for Boston. Outward bound are Gibbins for Barmuda, Adolph for Boston and Wymbolt for Rhode-Island.

*Piscataqua*, Sept. 26th. The Mast Ships under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the Dover, Capt. *Mathews* Commander, will be ready to Sail from hence for *England* again the 12th Day of *October* next.

*Rhode-Island*, Sept. 27th. One *Borrow* is arrived here in a Sloop from *Turks-Island* with Salt.

*Boston*, Monday last being the 23d Instant, His Excellency the Governour, and several Members of the Council, Officers and Gentlemen went down to the Castle to make their Rejoycing for the Great and Good News from all Parts, of Her Majesties Glorious Successes and Victories.

And at three of the Clock after Dinner, all the Cannon of the Castle were Discharged, and followed by the Volleys of the Town. After which Her Majesty's Frigot, the Galley, and a number of Ships Fired all their Guns, which was followed with Bonfires and Illuminations in several parts of the Town in the Evening, every body shewing their Hearty and Sincere Satisfaction in the good News.

His Excellency has been pleased by Proclamation, further to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province that stood Prorogu'd unto *Wednesday* the 2d. of *October* next, unto *Wednesday* the 23d day of the said Month at 9 a Clock in the Morning, and then to Sit.

	Inwards	From
<i>George Giddings</i>	Sloop Hopewell	Piscataqua
<i>Joseph Giddings</i>	Sloop Eunice	Ditto
<i>Anthony Bracket</i>	Sloop Katherin	Ditto
<i>Thomas Sill</i>	Brigt. Wil. & Mary	Fyall
<i>William Clarke</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Ditto
	Cleared Outward	For
<i>John Walker</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Connecticut
<i>Benjamin Gold</i>	Sloop Coronation	Piscataqua
<i>John Kidder</i>	Pink Hopewell	Jamaica
<i>Thomas Lanyon</i>	Sloop Return	Virginia
	Outward Bound	For
<i>Nathaniel Coffin</i>	Ship Industry	Jamaica

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<i>John Symkin</i>	Bark Blessing	Antigua
<i>John Waters</i>	Sloop Betty	St. Christophers
<i>Thomas Gilbert</i>	Ship Wreen Frigot	Ditto
<i>Woodard Tay</i>	Brigt. Hanover	Madera.

**T**hese are to give Notice to any Person or Persons who design to send any Letters for England via Piscataqua, to go either by Her Majesties Ship the *Dover*, The *Mast Ships*, or any other Vessels; That they may bring them to the Post-Office in Boston, and paying the Postage, shall be carefully put on board the respective Vessel or Vessels they are directed to go by.

**Advertisements**

**A** Negro Infant Girl about Six Weeks Old, to be Given for the Bringing up: Inquire of John Campbell Post-Master, and know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

**R. E.**

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**S**EVEN columns of this six page folio issue are filled with foreign news. From Lisbon, April 7 and April 19, and Alcantara, April 14, are accounts of the siege and capitulation of Alcantara to the English and allied forces. From Paris there is a report of the siege of Barcelona, and other war news of March and April dates from Madrid, Rome, Turin, Vienna and elsewhere. Among the domestic news the speech of Lord Cornbury to the General Assembly of the Province of New York is featured by being set in large type, and it fills more than two columns.]

*Falmouth, April 13.* The 9th Instant came in here the Great *Cortien*, a Privateer belonging to *Flushing*, and brought in 2 Prizes, one called the *Belle Bruno* of *Nantes*, of 250 Tuns homeward bound from *Martinico*, and laden with Sugar, Cotton and Cocco, which was taken after half an Hour's Resistance, wherein she had her Main and Mizen Masts shot by the Board; the other is named the *St Philip*, of 200 Tuns Burden, belongs to *Bayonne*, and was bound from thence with Salt, Wine and Brandy, for *Newfoundland*.

*Jamaica, August 9th.* One the 28th *July* Arrived here *Commadore Kerr* from *England* with 10 *Sail* of *Men of War*, and a fire

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Ship, with the Ships under his Convoy. Admiral *Whetstone* on the 8th Currant hoysed his Flag on board Her Majesties Ship the Windsor, and Sailed for *Cathageen* or *Portobel* on the Spanish Coast with 10 Sail of Men of War, and the fire Ship. The Fleet for *England* will Sail when Admiral *Whetstone* returns.

Her Majesties Ship the *Reserve* brought in here a French Privateer of 10 Guns and 90 Men. A Dutch Privateer brought in another of 8 Guns and 80 Men.

*Pulsifer* from *Boston* is bound for *England*, *Charnock*, *Thomas*, *Balston* and *Buckly* designs to Sail for *Boston* in a Week hence.

St. John's Newfoundland, Sept. 19th. About a Month ago having notice of some mischief done by the French and Indians at *Pelicum*, Major *Loyd* our Governour imbark'd on board a Sloop with about 60 Souldiers & Sailors, and went to Trinity Bay, where they Landed, and pursu'd the Enemy, kill'd their Sentinel, and took four Prisoners, and would have taken the rest (being 22) had not the Sailours been too hot to fire before Command. One of the Prisoners advised, That they were to return to *Placentia* over a small River where lay a boat and 3 Men ready to attend them: Major *Loyd* having this account marched to the place, trapan'd the French men and took them Prisoners, and all 7 were brought here by Land, and are kept in the Fort.

Several Prizes have been taken here this Summer; Her Majesties Ship the *Larke* brought in one here. Her Majesties Ship the *Montigue* brought in a French Privateer of 16 Guns, who Cruised out of *Placentia*: The said Privateer took one *Gardner* in a Sloop from *Boston*, and a Portuguese Ship bound in here: She also took another Sloop from *Boston*. Her Majesties Ship the *Swallow* Prize carryed in a Prize to Ferryland. The Prince Eugene a Letter of Marque Man of 16 Guns, one *Eastman* Commander (who Sailed the 13th Currant for *Leghorne*) took 14 Prizes on the Banks; three whereof he brought in here, and the other eleven were ransomed. Capt. *Holeworth* took two Prizes and Sunk one. Two other Ships took three between them. Sundry other Ships took each their Prize.

Here are 70 Sail of Merchant men, and five Sail of Men of War, *viz.* the *Faukland*, *Warrick* and *Lark* from *England*: The *Montigue* (who Sailed the 13th Currant for *England* before the Fleet by reason of a Leak) and the *Faulson* who arrived a little time ago from the West-Indies. Her Majesties Ship the *Swallow* Prize Capt. *Padon* Commander lies at Ferryland who was ordered out yesterday on a Cruise for 10, days till the Ships there: being abou[t] 12 Sail are getting ready. On the 13 also Sailed the *Foulson* on a Cruise.

Our Commadore has notified the Fleet, That he will Sail the last of this Month, but fear that the Ships will not then be ready, by

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reason of so much foul Weather, hardly a fair day in a week. Capt. *Michael Gill* arrived here last week from the Northward, and being Loaded intends to Sail for Portugal the first fair Wind, there being no other *N. England* Vessels bound there but he and Capt. *Arthur Savage*.

Yesterday an unlucky accident fell out, One *Burbank* Mate of *Edwards* in a Sloop from *Boston* carrying some small Arms on Shore, at the Landing of them, one Goss, of their Company was saying they were very rusty, *Burbank* bid him Snap one of them, having no Priming, which he did, the Gun going off at the same time, Shot *Burbank* through the head, and kill'd him immediately.

*Point-Judith, Sept. 19. P. M.* Her Majesties Ship the *Triton's-Prize* pass'd by this place; standing for *Newport*.

*Philadelphia, Sept. 26.* On the 24th arrived one *Selwood* in a Sloop from *Virginia*, who came out of the Capes the 19th Instant, by whom we are acquainted, That the Fleet for *England* consisting of about 270 Sail, under Convoy of 4 Men of War Sailed out of the Capes of *Virginia* the 17th Instant: Nineteen Sail of Ships that was left behind the Fleet, Sailed out of the Capes with the said *Selwood*.

Letters from *Linn-Haven Bay* of the 14th of *Septemb.* Tell us that a Ketch was lately arrived from *Liverpool* 8 weeks passage, who gives an account, [war news from *Flanders* and *Spain*.]

On the 24th one *Keel* arrived in a Sloop from *Turks-Island* with Salt, brings no News. The same day arrived Capt. *Thomas Hurst* in a Privateer Sloop belonging to this place, who came from *St. Johns Newfoundland* the 17th of the last Month, in the Bay of *St. Marys*, he took a French Prize Ship of about 120 Tuns loaden with dry Fish, just ready to Sail for *France*: On the 21st Capt. *Hurst* put his Lieutenant and 9 hands more on Board the Prize, and ordered them to make the best of their way for this Port, they had the *French* Master and Doctor on Board the Prize, the rest of the *French* being about 20 Ran ashore; The Prize is not yet arrived.

*New-York, Sept. 30.* On the 23d Instant arrived here a Sloop from *Barmuda* with Salt, who two days before she came in fell in with part of the Homeward bound *Virginia* Fleet off the Capes, the Fleet consisted of about 200 Sail, under Convoy of 4 Men of War.

On the 25th. His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury* arrived here from the Frontiers at *Albany*.

On the 27th about one a Clock in the morning a terrible Fire happened here in the House of one *John Sheppard* which in a few hours was burnt down, they saved nothing, and the Family narrowly escaped being burnt in their beds, a Servant Maid dyed of her burns

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the same day. His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury* made a Speech this day to the Assembly (which is as follows) <sup>166</sup>

On the 28th arrived here a small Prize Ship which was taken by a Dutch Brigantien, Consort to Capt. *Tongrelow*, which is also arrived here, She is Loadened with Brandy, Oyl, &c. and was bound from *Nantis* to the *Havanna*. <sup>167</sup>

Yesterday arrived one *Marsh* in a Sloop from Rhode Island, who is bound to Pensilvania.

Outward bound are a Sloop for Surranam, 2 for Jamaica, one for Curacoa, one for Rhode-Island and Piscataqua, and two for Boston.

*The S P E E C H of His Excellency Edward Viscount Cornbury, Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of NEW YORK, To the General Assembly, the 27th day of September, 1706.* <sup>168</sup>

*Gentlemen;*

When I dismist you at the end of the last Sessions, in *June* last, I acquainted you, that tho' I could not assent to the Bill you tender'd to me, for the raising the Sum of *Three Thousand Pounds* towards the fortifying of this City, yet I could not reject it, hoping that I might receive such directions from *England* as might make that matter more easie; I am very glad I can now acquaint you that my expectations are answered: I have received Letters from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, containing Her Most gracious Majesties Commands to Me, to permit the General Assembly of this Province to Name their own Treasurer when they raise extraordinary Supplys for particular Uses, and which are no part of Her Majesties standing and constant Revenue; but the Treasurer so nominated must be accountable to the Governour, Council and Assembly: Warrants may be issued by the Colonels, Captains, or other Persons, as the Act shall direct, but the Governour must always be inform'd of the occasion of issuing of such Warrants; and all Persons concern'd in the issuing and disposing of such Moneys.

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166 The speech does not follow here but appears as placed below on this page.

167 Captain *Tongrelow* was one of the most active and most successful privateers operating at this time off the coast between New York and the West Indies. His captures were frequently recorded in the columns of the News-Letter. In the *Mss. New York Council Minutes* preserved in the office of the Secretary of State in Albany is this entry concerning one of his adventures: "July 4 1706 Captain *Tongrelou*, commander Privateer New York Galley took French ship off Petit Guavas in Oct 1705."

168 This speech of Lord *Cornbury* is printed in the *Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York*, Vol. I, pp. 213-214, *Gaine Edition*. A previous speech of Lord *Cornbury*, June 27, 1706, is in the same volume, pp. 212-213: in the latter he reproaches the members of the Assembly for not having passed the money bills as he had desired without amending clauses.

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must be made accountable to the Governour, Council and Assembly.

Thus, *Gentlemen*, I have acquainted you with Her Majesties Pleasure relating to the passing of Bills for the raising Moneys for extraordinary Supplyes.

*Gentlemen*, I am commanded by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, to acquaint you, That Her Majestys Council for this Province have undoubtedly as much to do in forming of Bills for the granting and raising of Money, as the Assembly and consequently have a right to alter or mend any such Money Bills, as well as the Assembly.

Their Lordships likewise observe, That in the Preamble of the 1700 *l.* Bill, there is an Error in not granting the Money, thereby intended to be raised, to the QUEEN, which need not hinder the Assembly from appropriating the Money to be granted, to such Uses as are found requisite.

Their Lordships further observe, That the Penalty in the last Clause in the 1700 *l.* Bill, is of an extraordinary nature, such as no Assembly any where else ever attempted before; and they say, it is highly presumptuous in the Assembly to pretend to propose or pass any Clause whereby Her Majesty is restrained in Her Royal Prerogative of pardoning or reprieving Her Subjects whenever She sees it reasonable & convenient; and they Command Me to acquaint the Assembly with these Matters, that the like Errors may be avoided for the future.

I am further to acquaint you, That their Lordships are of Opinion, that Province of *New-York* ought to provide towards its own security, by giving such necessary Funds (as is done in other Plantations) for furnishing the Inhabitants with Arms, as there may be occasion; and this their Lordships command Me likewise to represent to you.

Thus, *Gentlemen*, I have acquainted you with those things I had in charge from *England*. I shall now mention to you those things, which in My opinion ought now to be provided for; and first, I desire you to observe, That by the directions I have now received, it is impossible for Me to pass the 3000 *l.* Bill in the terms it is now conceived, therefore I entreat you to prepare another Bill for that Service, according to the Methods above mentioned.

I must likewise recommend to your consideration the providing a Fund for the paying the Detachment sent up under Capt. *Higby's* command, for the defence of the Fronteers, in the year 1704. and the out-Scouts under the command of Capt. *Brat*, and since that time; and likewise for defraying the charge of Col. *Schuylers* Journey to the *Onondags* Country, at a time when we were in great danger of having the five Nations debaucht from their Allegiance to the Crown of *England*, which was prevented by his going; this was so good a

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Service that I hope you will think it reasonable that charge should be answered.

I must likewise acquaint you, That by accident, very lately, the Guard Room in the Fort at *Schenectady* was burnt down, with a great quantity of Fire-Wood, which had been provided for this Winter now coming on, I should be glad that might be repaired before the cold Weather comes, else it will be impossible for the men to keep guard in that place, which lies the most exposed of all our Fronteers; I will direct an estimate to be laid before you for that purpose.

I must again recommend to you the providing a Fund for the repairing and maintaining Her Majesties Fort in this City, which yet wants several things to put it into a posture fit to resist an Enemy, if we should be attackt, which we very narrowly escaped this Summer. Whether you will think fit to fortify the Narrows to prevent any attempt of the like nature for the future, I leave to your considerations; but, in my judgment, I look upon that to be the best Way to cover this City from any attempt the French may intend to make upon us; and I chuse to mention it to you at this time, the rather because Capt. *Redknap* whom the QUEEN has been pleased to appoint to be Her Engineer in these parts,<sup>169</sup> is now here, and will, if you desire it, give you an account what he thinks proper to be done, to answer that end.

The last thing I shall trouble you with at this time, is the providing a Fund for the defence of the Fronteers at and about *Albany* this Winter, one hundred men, and five and twenty out-Scouts will, in my opinion, be sufficient to answer that Service.

Thus, *Gentlemen*, I have offered to you what I think necessary to be provided for, if any other things occur to your thoughts, which may be necessary to be provided for by a Law, you shall always find Me ready to consent to any thing that may conduce to the Service of Her most Sacred Majesty the QUEEN, and the Good and Well-fare of the Country.

*Rhode Island, Octob. 4* Yesterday arrived here Captain *Nathaniel Balston* from *Jamaica*, he brings no News, but that our Fleet is gone over on the Spanish Coast to bring the Spaniards to declare for their King *Charles the 3d*, which they are all inclinable to do.

Her Majesties Ship the Triton's Prize from *New-York* has lain here a Fortnight. There came a Briganteen from *Antigua*, which had 6 pieces of small Canvas on Board her, which was to make her small sails and mend her other as the Master declares on Oath, but

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169 Captain John Redknap, "Her Majesty's Engineer General for the Continent of America," successor of Colonel Wolfgang William Romer, builder of Castle William in Boston harbor in 1701-1703.

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the Man of War sent his Boat out to her, found that and ~~seized~~ seized her, and carried her to *New-York*.

*Tillinghust* from *Connecticut*, *Gillam* from *Connecticut* bound to *Boston*, *Jonas Green* from *Connecticut*, & bound there again: *Rodman* for *New-York*. Outward Bound *Ellery* for *Barbadoes*, *Cranston* for *Curacao*, and *Cuquiu* for *St. Christophers*.

*Boston*, On the 4th Currant arrived here the Ship *Batchelours Adventure*, *Mathew Wilson* Master, about five weeks passage from *Fyall*, who about 5 weeks before came from *Lisbon*, by whom we are advised; [several items of foreign news.] That three days before his Arrival at *Fyall* there was a great Storm there wherein were lost three Vesse[ls] from *New England*, viz. *Welsh* and *Jarvies* from *Boston*, and the other from *Salem*.

On Saturday a Sad and awful Providence fell out; There was 14 Men on Board the Pinnace of Her Majesty's Ship the *Province Galley* coming from *Nantasket* to *Boston*, who about 2 aClock in the afternoon, with little or no Wind off *Long-Island Head* by a Jeet of the Sail, over-set the Pinnace, eight of the men were saved, & the other six were drowned, viz *Mr. Nicholas Thomas Jones*, *Christopher Hunlock*, *Samuel Payne*, *John Mayhew*, *John Johnson*, & *Deras Denison a Frenchman & Chyrurgion*.

Capt. *Charnock* from *Jamaica* is arrived at *Plymouth*.

	Inwards,	From
<i>Joseph Flood</i>	Sloop John & Abigail	Piscataqua
<i>John Wilkins</i>	Sloop Bathsheba	Rhode Island
<i>John Brewer</i>	Katch Goodhope	Maryland
<i>John Pitts</i>	Sloop Rebecca	Jamaica
<i>Tho. Hunt</i>	Sloop Panther	N foundland
<i>Mathew Wilson</i>	Ship <i>Batchelours Advent.</i>	Fiall
	Cleared Outward,	For
<i>Antr[h]ony Bracket</i>	Sloop Kathern	Piscataqua
<i>Jonathan Hunlock</i>	Ship Wil. & Hannah	London
<i>Thomas Lock</i>	Ship Tryal Galley	Ditto
<i>John Trerice</i>	Ship Reward	Ditto
<i>John Alden</i>	Ship Swallow	Topsham
<i>Samuel Winkley</i>	Sloop Sarah & Han.	Virginia
<i>John Harris</i>	Brigt. Sarah	Jamaica
<i>James Gold</i>	Sloop Hopewell	Pensilvania
	Outward Bound	For
<i>James Oborne</i>	Sloop Blackthorn	Virginia
<i>John Ruggles</i>	Brigt. Good Luck	Barbadoes.

**Advertisements.**

[Reprinted: sale of copper, as in September 23; book lost, and Mis-

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tress Mary Turfey's boarding school, as in September 9; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

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# The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday October 7. to Monday October 14. 1706.

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[FOUR pages folio. The queen's thanksgiving proclamation is prominent on the first page, with an editorial introduction. Miscellaneous foreign news of April dates is from Hague, Vienna, Frankfort and London. An account of the attack upon Charleston, South Carolina, by French and Spanish ships of war, in the preceding August, fills three columns.]

In regard that the Day of Publick Thanksgiving (appointed by the Governour, to be Solemnized in this and the Province of *New Hampshire*; as by His Excellency's Proclamation to be seen in our Numb. 127. for the several Clauses therein mentioned, and in special for the Great and Signal Victories obtained by Her Majesty's Arms in Conjunction with Her Allies, over the Enemy) falls to be in the Currant Week. We thought it not amiss here to entertain our Encouragers with her Majesty's Proclamation for the said Thanksgiving; though afterwards we must return to carry on the Foreign Occurrences where we left off. [The proclamation follows.]

*Charlstown, South-Carolina, Septemb. 13.*

CAROLINA being a Frontier to the English Settlements on the Continent of America; We long expected an Attack from our Enemies the *French & Spaniards*, and accordingly we took care to fortify *Charlstown*, and make all other necessary preparation for our defence.

Monsieur *Le Feboure*, Commander of a Private Man of War being at the *Havanna* with 4 more *French* Privateer Ships, being encouraged by the Governour of the *Havanna*, and reinforced by several *Spaniards* put on board the *French* Ships, he undertook to Invade *Carolina*, having direction first to touch at *St. Augustine*, there to take in more men, and then to make for this place.

The Enemy were the more encouraged to Invade us (as the Prisoners informed us) because they heard that the Sickness raged in *Charlstown*, and had swept away a great many of our Men, and that the Country Planters would be unwilling to come to Town to defend it.

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Our first discovery of the Enemy was by means of Capt. Stool in a *Dutch* Privateer Sloop belonging to *New-York*, who lately refitted here and Sailed from hence to the Bar of St. *Augustine* there to Cruise for a Ship expected from the *Havanna* with mony to pay the Souldiers of that Garrison.

On *Saturday*, Aug. 24. Capt. *Stool* returned again to this Port, who informed us, that on *Wednesday* last he Engaged a *French* Ship off of St. *Augustine* Bar, where he lost two men, and had 5 wounded; and that the day before he was Chased by four Ships upon this Coast. He had not been here above an hour before 4 or 5 Smoaks were made 'on *Sullivan's Island*, which signified to us that so many Vessels were seen.

Lieutenant Col. *William Rhett* being then in Town about 5 a Clock at night, he caused an Alarm to be made, and dispatched a Messenger with a Letter to the Governour, giving an Account of the same, and other Messengers and Letters to the several Captains in the Country, to order them to make the Alarm, and forthwith to march their Companies to the Town, and at night caused the Alarm Guns at Town to be fired.

That Evening the Enemy came up with our Bar, but would not venture to come over, but stood off again, it being near night.

On *Sunday* the 25th Our Look-outs discovered the Enemy to the Southward of the Bar, Maning all their Galleys, Periaugers and Boats, upon which we expected them to Land upon us that night. In the Afternoon Major-General *Broughton* came to Town with 2 Companies: And most of the Gentlemen belonging to the Troop, Commanded by Col. *George Logan* came also in; all which kept a diligent Watch that night.

The next Morning *Monday* the 26th. The Country Companies marched out of the Lines of the Town, and had their Quarters within half a quarter of a mile of the same, it being thought convenient not to expose them to the Sickness of the Town but in case of necessity. All that day the Enemies Ships continued at Anchor at *Folly Island*, and their Boats were sounding the South Bar. The same day Sir *Nathaniel Johnson* our Governour came to Town and gave the necessary Orders: his Presence gave great encouragement to the People, who had great Confidence in his Conduct, he having been bred abroad a Souldier from his Youth. In the Evening the Forces were again ordered into the Town.

On *Tuesday* Morning early Capt. *Johnson Linches*, & Capt. *George Hearnes* Company marched within a quarter of a mile of the Town, ready to march in when ordered. And Capt. *Jonathan Drake's* Company from *James Island* came over to the Town. The same Morning the Enemy with 4 Ships and a Galley with Small Craft to

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Land their Men came over the South Bar, and stood directly for the Town with fair Wind and Tide: When they came so near the Town as to have a sight of our Fortifications being out of the reach of our Guns, they bore up and came to an Anchor under *Sullivan's* Island. The same morning the Governour drew up all the Forces that were Quartered near the Lines of the Town, and marched them into the Town in order to receive the Enemy. And a Sloop was sent over from *Charlstown* to a Neck of Land lying between *Wando* River and the Sea, and took on board Capt. *John Fenwick* and his Company, & brought them safe to *Charlstown*, notwithstanding one of the Enemys Galleys endeavoured to intercept them. In the Evening Martial Law was Proclaimed.

*Wednesday* morning the 28th. Capt. *Longbois* with the Santee Company marched into the Town, as also did Capt. *Seabrooks* Company from the Southward. That morning a Council of War was held, and the Vessels that lay in the Harbour were fitted, *viz* Three Ships, one Brigantien, two Sloops and a Fireship in order to annoy the Enemy, the said Ships and Vessels to be under the Command of Lieut. Col. *William Rhett*, who had a Commission from the Governour to be Vice-Admiral, and hoisted the Union Flag on board the Crown Galley. The same day a Flag of Truce came on Shore from the Enemy with a Message to the Governour. The Messenger being brought into *Granville Bastion*, then Commanded by Capt. *George Evans*, who had the Command of one of the Town Companies which was posted there, the Messenger waited till the Governour was made acquainted with his Message. And being Introduced to the Governour, he told him he was ordered by Monsieur *De Feboure* who was Admiral of the *French* Ships, in the Name of the *French* King, to demand that we should Surrender to him the Town and Country, and our Persons to be Prisoners of War; and he said his Orders was to give but one hours time for an answer. The Governour told him that it needed not a quarter of an hour or a minutes time to give an answer to that demand, for that he might see he was not in such a Condition to be obliged to Surrender the Town, but that he kept the same, and would defend it in the Name and by the Authority of the Great Queen of *England*, and that he valued not any Force he had, and bid him go about his Business.

The next day being *Thursday* the 29th, a party of the Enemy went on Shore on the above-named Neck of Land between *Wando* River and the Sea, and burnt two Vessels by Col. *Dearsleys* Creek, and set fire to the said Col. *Dearsleys* Store-house. And another party of them went on Shore on *James-Island* and set an House on fire; upon which Capt. *Drake* with his Company belonging to the said Island, was ordered to it from the Town, but before he could march

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up where the Enemy were, some Indians that went from the Town with him, marching faster than he, Attacked the Enemy, and drove them into their half Galley.

On *Fryday* morning about an hour or two before day, notice being brought by a Negro, that the Enemy had been on Shore on the neck all night they having landed about 160 Men, and had killed several Cattle and Fowls and were then feasting of it: The Governour ordered about 100 men to be sent from the Town to the said Neck, *viz.* Capt. *John Fenwick* with his Company about 70 men, and a Detachment of about 25 men from Capt. *Linches* Company, and another Detachment of about the same number from Captain *William Cantey*'s Company; both the said Detachments to be under the Command of Capt. *Cantey*. The said Capt. *Cantey* and Capt. *Fenwick* being with their men Landed on the Neck, they marched in pursuit of the Enemy, when coming up with a party of them, they engaged them and defeated them, killing and wounding above a dozen upon the spot, and six or seven were drowned in trying to swim over a Creek, and took about 33 Prisoners with the Loss only of one man on our side named *William Adams* (formerly of *N. England*.) Afterwards the Indians brought in several more Prisoners which made the number about 60 besides what was found kill'd in several places in the pursuit.

On *Saturday* morning the 31st. Our Fleet consisting of six Vessels and a Fireship, under the Command of Col. *Rhett* as Vice-Admiral Sailed for the mouth of the Bar where the Enemy lay, who perceiving our Ships to stand towards them, in great haste and confusion Sailed over the Bar and made the best of their way, and they having a favourable Wind and Tide before them, and dirty Weather coming on, our Ships were not able to come up with them, so they returned again to the Harbour before *Charlstown*.

On *Sunday* in the afternoon being the 1st of *September*, Capt. *Watson* in the *Seaflower* was ordered to go to the Bar to see if he could discover any of the Ships or Vessels belonging to the Enemy, not being able to discover any of their Ships or Vessels, and returning again to Town from a Point of Land on the Neck, the said Capt. *Watson* took off 14 more Prisoners, and brought them to Town, and informing the Governour that he could make no discovery of the Enemy, they having made the best of their way: That Evening the Alarm was discharged, and Martial Law declared to cease. At night News being brought to the Governour, that there was a Ship seen in *Seway-Bay*, and that some of their men were Landed; and it being thought to be the Ship that the Prisoners told us the Enemy expected, in which was Monsieur *Arbouset* their Land General, and several other of their Officers, and about 180 or 200 men.

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The next Morning being *Monday* the 2d of *September* a *Barmuda* Sloop then in the Harbour, together with the *Duich* Privateer Sloop, both under the Command of Col. *Rhett*, was ordered forthwith to Sail for the said Bay to take the said Ship: Col. *Rhett* went on Board the *Barmuda* Sloop as Commander in Chief, and Col. *Risbee*, Capt. *Evans* and some other Gentlemen went on Board the *Dutch* Privateer as Volunteers, and that morning both the said Sloops sailed over the Bar, and made the best of their way for *Seway-Bay*. Capt. *John Fenwick* and his Company were sent over to the Neck in search of them by Land.

On *Tuesday* the 3d about Noon Capt. *Fenwick* and his Company, with some others of the Patrole came up with the Enemy, who though they were more in number than our men, and advantageously posted, yet our men charging of them, and several of the Enemy falling, the rest cryed out for Quarter; so they killed about 12 or 14 of the Enemy, and took about 50 Prisoners, and brought them to *Charlstown*, amongst which is Capt. *John Pacquereau* the Commander of the said Ship, with 4 more Officers; and afterwards some few more Prisoners were brought in. In the evening of the same day the two Sloops before-mentioned under the Command of Col. *Rhett* coming up with the Enemies Ship at *Seway*, and ready to lay her on Board, the Enemy cryed out for Quarter, and surrendered up their Ship and yielded themselves Prisoners, being between 80 and 90 men then on Board.

On *Wednesday* the 4th. the Wind being contrary, the two Sloops with their Prize being forced to remain in the Bay, Col. *Rhett* dispatched away by Land Mr. *John Barnwell* who was a Volunteer on Board him, with an Express to the Gouvernour, giving an Account of his Success.

On *Fryday* morning, the 6th Instant, The said two Sloops under the Command of Col *Rhett* returned from *Seway-Bay* in *Charlstown* Harbour, and brought with them the *French* Ship their Prize, with their Land-General and several other Officers on Board.

So that now we have in all about 230 Prisoners *French* and *Spaniards*.<sup>170</sup>

The Mortal Distemper we have had here has been over six weeks ago, only among *Children, Strangers and Indians*.

*Jamaica, Sept. 10.* On the 24th last there was brought in here as Prizes 4 large *French* Merchant-men Loaden with Sugar and Indigo, taken by a Privateer Briganteen belonging to this Place and a *Dutch*

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170 Upon this report chiefly is based the account of this affair in Rivers's *A Sketch of the History of South Carolina to the Close of the Proprietary Government by the Revolution of 1719*, pp. 210-213: see note p. 213. Also see McCrady's *History of South Carolina under the Proprietary Government, 1670-1719*, note p. 400.

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Sloop. It's said that there is 90 Cask of Indigo on board one of the Prizes.

Admiral *Whetstone* and his Squadron is returned from the *Spanish* Coast, and its said that the *Spaniards* decline to send home the Galloons under *French* Convoy, but rather incline that they should go under *English* Convoy. Admiral *Whetstone* with the Fleet for *England* was designed to Sail the 24th currant.

*John Scot* in the Briganteen *William* is arrived here from *Boston*.

*Barbadoes*, Sept. 13 Capt. *M[yles]* from *Boston* is arrived here, and the other Vessels under his Convoy.

This day sails a Fleet from hence, consisting of about 60 Sail most for *England*, three whereof for *Virginia*, *Taylor* for *Boston*, several Sloops for *New-York*, *Dunscum* one of them; A Briganteen and 2 or 3 Sloops for *Pensilvania*, some Sloops for *Rhode-Island*: They came out under Convoy of 3 Men of War, *viz* the *Kingsayle*, Capt. *Castle* Commadore, the *Swan* and the *Maidstone*. Sir *Bevill Granville* our Governour is gone Home for *England* in the Fleet.

*New-York*, Octob. 7. On the 3d arrived one *Joel* in a Sloop from *Antigua*, but last from *Barmuda*.

On the 4th & 6th arrived 2 Sloops from *Barbadoes*, a Brigt. is also arrived here that was seized at *Rhode-Island* by Her Majestys Ship the *Triton's* Prize. Yesterday also came in here a Brigt. belonging to *Maryland*, *Mathew Driver* Master, who was bound for *England* with the *Virginia* Fleet, but by a Storm which they met with on the 19th of September last they sprang a Leak, & came in here to repair their damage.

This afternoon is also come in here a Ship another of the *Virginia* Fleet disabled by the Storm, they left the Fleet scattered ten days ago.

*Rhode-Island*, Octob. 11. Several Vessels arrived here this week *Nichols* from *New-York*, *Pain* and *Whitamore* from *Connecticut*. Four Sloops from *Barbadoes*, *Ellery*, *Rosbothen*, *Bear* & *Sherman*: *Bordin* from *New-Providence* and *Smith* from *Suranam*. Cleared Outward, *Rodman* for *New-York*, *Nichols* for *Boston*, *Codner* for *Surranam*, *John* and *Benjamin Cranstons* for *Curacao*. Outward bound *Borrows* for *Barmuda*, & *Godfrey* for *Surranam*.

*Piscataqua*, Octob 11. The Mast-ships will be ready to Sail for *England* the latter end of next week.

*Boston*, on *Tuesday* the 8th Currant arrived here a Sloop from *Nevis*, *John Stevens* Master, by whom we are informed that *Col Johnstoun* of *Antigua* was kill'd by a Lieutenant.

On *Wednesday* the 9th arrived a Brigt. from *Barbadoes*, *Tho. Taylor Master*, who says, That Capt. *Castle* in Her Majesty's Ship

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the *Kingsayle* who was Commadore to the Fleet he came out in Company with, Dyed in two days after they left *Barbadoes*.

On *Fryday* the 11th came in here the Brigt. *Susanna*, Samuel Boyes Master, being one of the Virginia Fleet bound for England, who on the 29th of September last sprung a Leak in a Storm and put in here to refit.

Several Vessels for *England* have lain several days at Nantasket waiting for a Wind to carry them to Piscataqua in order to joyn the Mast Ships, to imbrace the Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the *Dover*, Capt. Mathews Commander.

On the 13th Currant at night His Excellency (being bound for his other Government of New-Hampshire who was also Wind bound several days) Embark'd on Board Her Majesty's Ship the Province Galley, Capt. Southack Commander.

Inwards	From
<i>Cartaret Gillam</i>	Sloop Tryal
<i>Simon Ramee</i>	Sloop Charles
<i>Dirick Adolph</i>	Sloop Two Brothers
<i>Simon Pasco</i>	Sloop Stephen
<i>Noah Parker</i>	Brigt. Pelican
<i>John Charnock</i>	Ship Society
<i>John Stevens</i>	Sloop Mary Rose
<i>Thomas Taylor</i>	Brigt. Experiment
<i>Rich. Metcalfe</i>	Ship Francis & Eliz.
<i>Andrew Wilson</i>	Ship Sarah Galley
<i>Joseph Flint</i>	Ship Prudent Sarah
<i>Nath. Perkins</i>	Brigt. Success
<i>Thomas Phelps</i>	Sloop Greyhound
<i>John Webster</i>	Brigt. Endeavour
<i>Tho. Grose</i>	Sloop Hope
<i>John Ela</i>	Brigt. Dove
<i>John Pickman</i>	Ketch Seahorse
<i>John Babbage</i>	Ship Oporto Merch.
<i>John Robinson</i>	Brigt. Larke
<i>Moses Abbot</i>	Sloop Endeavour
Cleared Outward	
<i>Francis Brown</i>	Sloop Speedwell
<i>John Smith</i>	Sloop Dolphin
<i>Peter Harris</i>	Sloop Dolphin
<i>Peter Coffin</i>	Sloop Society
<i>Jacob Parker</i>	Sloop Endeavour
<i>Noah Parker</i>	Brigt. Pelican
<i>Abra. Gording</i>	Sloop Fortune
	For
	Connecticut
	Ditto
	Ditto
	Nantucket
	Piscataqua
	Ditto
	Ditto

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<i>John Porter</i>	Brigt. Experiment	Tercera
<i>Jeremiah Tay</i>	Brigt. John and Ann	Ditto
<i>Thomas Ball</i>	Sloop Elizabeth	Antigua
<i>Rich. Harris</i>	Ship Eagle	Ditto
<i>Rich. Pitcher</i>	Brigt. Lydia	Plymouth
<i>Tho. Barns</i>	Brigt. Sarah	St. Christophers
<i>John Blower</i>	Ship Stanier Galley	Madera
<i>Math. Pimer</i>	Ship Ann	London
<i>Rich. Simes</i>	Brigt. Richard	Ditto
<i>Rich. Tilhurst</i>	Brigt. Association	Jamaica
<i>Andr. Wilson</i>	Sloop Flying Horse	South-Carolina
Outward Bound		For
[blank] <i>Eastwick</i>	Sloop Seaflower	Rhode-Island
<i>Tho. Hunt</i>	Sloop Panther	Jamaica
<i>Nath. Vial</i>	Hester Galley	Ditto
<i>Tho. Taylor</i>	Ship Experiment	London

**Advertisements.**

**R**AN away from their Master Nathaniel Niles Junior of Point-Judith in Narraganset, a Negro Woman with 4 small Children, three of them are Molatto's, and the youngest a Negro, that sucks or is lately weaned; The Woman is of a middle Stature and thick set. The Eldest of the Children is not above 10 or 11 year old, the two eldest are Girls, the other two Boyes. Whosoever shall apprehend the said Negro Woman & her Children, or any of them, and do bring and Convey her or them or any of them, to their said Master, or secure her or them, or any of them, and send notice thereof to her or their said Master, shall be sufficiently rewarded and satisfied for their pains.

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[FOUR folio pages, seven columns filled with foreign news. Most space is given to details of the surrender of Alcantara, the siege of Barcelona, the submission of Placentia to King Charles, and the movements of the duke of Marlborough in Holland; these reports are from Whitehall, Paris, Madrid, Lisbon, Vienna, Hague, Mayence and elsewhere, of April and May dates.]

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*Piscataqua*, Octob. 18. On Monday the 14th Instant, His Excellency our Governour arrived here in Her Majesty's Ship the Province-Gally from *Boston*.

Several Vessels are also arrived here from *Boston* to *Joyn* the Mast Convoy, which it's thought will not Sail before the next Post overtakes them.

*Boston*, On Thursday the 17th Currant, was devoutly Solemnized here the day of Publick Thanksgiving, appointed by His Excellency's Proclamation, (in our *Number* 127) to be Religiously observed in this and the Province of *New-Hampshire*, for the many Signal Favours and Blessings conferred upon us in these Provinces, and in a special manner for the Wonderful and Glorious Victories obtained by Her Majesties Arms in Conjunction with the Allies, over the Proud and Insulting Enemies, thereby disappointing their boundless Ambition.

By a Sloop from *Cape-Ann* we are informed, That two Sloops from thence to the Eastward met a *French* Shallop from *Placentia* bound to *Port-Royal*, who had lost themselves, and being very short of Provisions surrendered themselves Prisoners of War: On Board the Shallop were three French-men and a Boy, Two Casks of Brandy, and a Hogshead of Wine; having taken out of the Shallop what was valuable, they sunk her, and brought their Prisoners and what they took out of her to *Cape-Ann*.

On Saturday night the 19th Dyed Mr. *Elias Heath*, of this Town, Merchant.

Several Vessels Sailed this week for *Piscataqua*, in order to *Joyn* the Mast Convoy.

On the 20th arrived *John Corney* from *Virginia*, *Bryan Smith* from *Newfoundland*, *Peter Leach* from *Surranam*, and *Andrew Graveraedt* from *New-York*.

On Wednesday the 23d Currant Sitts the General Assembly of this Province, unto which day they stand Prorogu'd.

	Inwards	From
<i>Jeremiah Vaile</i>	Sloop Mary	New-foundland
<i>James Hill</i>	Brigt. Susanna	North-Carolina
<i>Nathanael Balston</i>	Ship Elizabeth	Jamaica
<i>John Buckley</i>	Brigt. Abig. & Sar.	Ditto
<i>William Thomas</i>	Brigt. Amity	Ditto
	Cleared Outward	For
<i>Abraham Gording</i>	Sloop Fortune	<i>Piscataqua</i>
<i>Benjamin Flood</i>	Sloop Benj. & Mary	Ditto
<i>Joseph Flood</i>	Sloop John & Abig.	Ditto
<i>William Smallage</i>	Sloop Prosperous	Connecticut

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<i>James Grant</i>	Sloop Tryal	Whitehaven
<i>Daniel Jinkes</i>	Brigt. Dorothy	London
<i>Thomas Miller</i>	Ship Enfield Green	Ditto
<i>Thomas Foster</i>	Sloop Tho. & Charles	Ditto
<i>Robert Sears</i>	Ship Charles	Ditto
<i>James Jeffries</i>	Ship Dart Galley	Ditto
<i>Peter Hawcksworth</i>	Ship Mary Fortune	Ditto
<i>Jonathan Evans</i>	Brigt. Experiment	Plymouth
<i>Stephen Eastwick</i>	Sloop Seaflower	Virginia
Outward Bound		For
<i>John Pullen</i>	Brigt. Dove	Barbadoes
<i>Thomas Ruck</i>	Brigt. Fraternity	Ditto
<i>Bartholomew Green</i>	Brigt. Dove	Ditto
<i>John Fisher</i>	Sloop Blackthorn	Virginia
<i>Jonathan Ranson</i>	Sloop Timothy	Ditto
<i>John Rawlins</i>	Sloop John & Tho.	Jamaica.

[The Southern & Western Post not yet come in at the Printing hereof at 8 a Clock Monday Morning.]

**Advertisements.**

**T**O be Sold at the North End of Boston, on reasonable Terms, the one half of a Dwelling house, containing a Seller, Rome over, a Chamber and Garret with Land appertaining, and part of the Well, formerly the Land of James Priest: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

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[IMMEDIATELY following an introductory editorial paragraph at the top of the first column of this issue, and under date, St. James, May 17, 1706, is an account of the defeat of the French army at Ramellies, and also reports of military movements in Spain, Italy, Poland and elsewhere on the continent. Other foreign news, which has been mostly received from Ireland, by vessels lately arrived at Newfoundland, completely fills three of the four pages of the number.]

**N**otwithstanding that we have already in our preceeding Prints given you from time to time the account of the Great and Signal

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*Victory obtained (by the Blessing of God upon the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies) on the 12th of May last, by the English, Dutch and Danish Forces, under the Command of His Grace the Duke of Marlborough and Monsieur D'Auverquerque over the Enemy's Troops in the Netherlands: As is to be seen in our Numb. 120, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126 and 127. As it then came to our hands, to which we still refer you; yet we thought it not amiss having come that length with our Foreign Occurrences, as to Entertain the Encouragers of this Publick Print, with the more particular Relation of the said Victory from the Publick Prints of England, which is as follows. [Here the account as stated in the note above.]*

*St John's Newfoundland, October 3d* There is arrived here a Briganteen from *Leverpole*, but in 7 Weeks from *Dublin*; by whom we have the *Dublin Gazette* of *July 27th*, & another Print of *July 31st*. to which I refer you for News. Only shall add, That the John & Abiel Briganteen from *Boston*, *William Blair* Master was arrived at *Leverpole* in *July last*. That a Briganteen from *Pensilvania* loaden with Tobacco was arrived at *Belfast* the 6 of *August last*, the Master and Merchant know not their names but both are Quakers. . . .

That 4 Sail of French Merchant-men, one whereof a Privateer being Loaden with Provisions bound from *France* to *Martinico*, were taken by Her Majesties Ships the *Speedwell* & *Shoram*, and carried in to *Dublin*. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to give the 4 Prizes to the Gentlemen of *Nevis* & *St. Christophers*, and are bound there under the Convoy of her Majesties Ship the *Speedwell*.

This day we had great rejoicing here and firing of Guns, upon Account of the good News.

*Boston*, From *Ireland* by the way of *Newfoundland* we have this following Account out of the *Dublin Gazette* of *July 27*. Numb 132. [Here follow more than three columns of general foreign news, principally of the war.]

*New-York, Octob. 14.* On the 18th arrived here a Sloop in 10 days from *South-Carolina*, *Abraham Sanford* Master, by whom we have the Journal of the Invasion of that Government by the *French* & *Spaniards* (which was Printed in our *Boston News-Letter*, Numb. 130, to which we refer you.) We have also advice from thence, That Monsieur *Deberville* and the Gouvernour of the *Havanna* were both poisoned there, and buried in one Grave, and that the *French* Ships were returned to *France*. That the Government of *South-Carolina* had sent all the *French* and *Spanish* Prisoners whom they had taken in the Invasion, to *Virginia*, in order to be transported to *England*, except about 90 or 100 Indians, who they have Sold for Slaves.

On the 9th and 12th arrived two Vessels from *Barbadoes* that came

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out with those mentioned in my Last.

Outward bound are, *Coward* for *Jamaica*, *Hutchins* for *Antigua*, and *Cox* for *Curacoa*.

We have great Rains here and mighty Floods: They write from *Albany*, that the late great Rains has caused the greatest Flood there that ever was known; they say that *Renslaers Island* was 6 foot under water, and that it drowned their Low Lands.

*New-Haven*, Octob. 16 On the 3d, 4th and 5th days of this Instant, there fell an excessive Rain, which caus'd an unusual Flood in *Connecticut-River*, which was accompanied with a very hard Gale of Wind between the East and South, to the great damage of the People upon that River, it covered all the Meadows, & carryed away near 1000 Load of Hay, besides the loss of the Second crop of Grass, and other Losses.

*New York*, Octob. 21. Yesterday Dyed Capt. *Tho. Miles*, late Commander of Her Majesty's Ship the *Tritons* Prize.

To morrow His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury* sets out for His Government of *New-Jersey*.

Outward bound are *Davis* for *Guinea*, *Grant* for *Jamaica*, *Coding* for *Rhode Island*, and *Duncan* for *Boston* this week.

The *Philadelphia* Post not yet come in.

*New-Haven*, Octob. 22 On Thursday the 17th Currant Dyed here *William Jones* Esqr. Late Deputy Governour of this Colony. Aged 82 Years.

*Piscataqua*, Octob. 25 On Thursday the 24th Instant, His Excellency our Governour went from hence for His other Government of the *Massachusetts Bay*.

On the said Day Sailed the Mast Fleet with the other Vessels for *England*, and 2 for *Lisbon*, consisting of 21 Sail, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the *Dover*.

*Boston*, On Wednesday last the 23d Instant met the General Assembly of this Province. On the said day dyed here Mr. *Humphrey Parsons* of this Town Merchant, Aged 64 years, and was interr'd on Fryday the 25 Currant.

On Thursday the 24 The Briganteen Experiment, *Thomas Taylor* Master bound for *London*, Sailed from *Nantasket* to *Piscataqua*, in order to Joyn the Mast Fleet Convoy, which 'tis hop'd he did.

On Saturday the 26 His Excellency arrived here from His other Government of *New-Hampshire*.

~~•~~ All the Letters that came from *New York* and other places Post Paid, and those received at *Boston*, these three last Posts,

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*to be forwarded to the Fleet at Piscataqua, bound for England, were made up by the Post Master of Boston in several Packets, Directed for the Master of the respective Vessels they were ordered or writt upon to go by, which said Letters and Packets were safely delivered each Post at Piscataqua, to the said Masters, and particularly those of the last Post before the Fleet Sailed, on Thursday the 25 Instant.*<sup>171</sup>

Inwards	From
Simon Nichols	Sloop Ann
John Hedge	Sloop Speedwell
Giles Hall	Sloop Lyon
Jacob Parker	Sloop Endeavour
Abell Jones	Sloop Larke
Samuel Moor	Brigt. Plymouth
Benj. Andrews	Sloop Endeavour
Bryan Smith	Brigt. Moses
Benj. Edward	Sloop Elizabeth
Lewis Hunt	Sloop Victory
Cleared Outward	For
Simon Pasco	Sloop Stephen
James Webber	Sloop Endeavour
James Gold	Sloop Coronation
Josiah Minot	Ship Samuel
Thomas Taylor	Brigt. Experiment
James Livingston	Ship Wren Frigot
Outward Bound	For
John Babbage	Port-Merchant
Joseph Milton	Brigt. Dove
Peter King	Ship Society
Thomas Fox	Brigt. Friendship
John Brewer	Sloop Content
Richard Coller	Sloop Mary Rose
Thomas Porter	Brigt. Lamb
Henry Lowder	Ship Tho. & Sarah
Math. Armstrong	Sloop Swallow
Moses Abbot	Sloop Endeavour

Advertisements.

**S**Tollen or Lost out of the House of Mr. William Bright of Newport on Rhode-Island Inn keeper the 18th Day of September last, a plain Silver Hilted Sword without a Guard fashionable, with Paris Mark. As also a Silver Tankard which held near 2 quarts,

<sup>171</sup> See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 630-631.

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the handle wrought with Chas'd work, the Lid scollopt and turn'd  
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the outside, the bottom markt W. S. The Workmans mark R. C. Whosoever shall bring back the said Sword or Tankard, or give any true Intelligence of them unto the above-said Mr. Bright, so as that he may have them again; or unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, shall be Sufficiently rewarded and satisfied for their pains; If either or both be offered to be Sold or Pawned, you are desired to stop them and give notice as abovesaid.

**S**Tray'd or Stollen out of Mr. Stephen Easton's Farme on Rhode-Island the 18th of September last, a Black Gelding about 14 hands high; he Gallops, Trotts and Paces, has a white slip on the Nose, the Main hanging on the near side, branded I N on the near Hipp, a small matter of white on both hinder Feet. As also Stollen or Lost a good new quilted Saddle with all its Furniture wrought and Fring'd with green Silk. Whoever gives any true Intelligence of the abovesaid Horse and Saddle either to Mr. John Vial at the North-End of Boston, or unto Mr. Gilbert Magick of Newport in Rhode-Island, so as that the true Owner may have them again, shall have 20 s. reward and all reasonable Charges paid. If either or both be offered to be sold or pawned, you are desired to stop them & give notice as above-said.

✓ **A** Negro Woman aged about 26 years, to be Sold. Enquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, & know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

**A. E.**

**Plumb. 133.**

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[**A**NOTHER four page number, more than half filled with foreign news. There is a detailed report of the operations of the English and Dutch armies under the earl of Peterborough, which resulted in the relief of Barcelona, besieged by the French; and other foreign news from Hague, Vienna, Frankfort, London and other cities, of May dates. In the domestic news are included the speech of Governor Dudley at the October sitting of the General Court, a proclamation "for the better Regulation of Seamen and Mariners," and the usual shipping news.]

*Montserrat, Sept. 27.* We have a Packet arrived here, who left

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*England* the 10th of *August* last.

This day Sails our Fleet for *England*.

*Boston*, Three Vessels are left behind that intended to Joyn the Mast Convoy ere they Sailed from *Piscataqua*, for *England*; One whereof is the Briganteen *Experiment*, *Jonathan Evans* Master, who in her going from *Boston* to *Piscataqua*, was Embargo'd by Contrary Winds in Hampton Bay; and on the 27th last in a Storm was drove on Shore, most of her Cargo Saved, but the Vessel incapable of going to Sea again. A second is the Briganteen *Experiment* (mentioned in our last) *Thomas Taylor* Master, who met the same Storm, and miss'd the Convoy, is put in to Marblehead, and Sails again the first fair Wind. The third is the Ship *Samuel*, *Josiah Minot* Master, will Sail in a short time.

Her Majesties Ship the Province Galley, is returned from *Piscataqua*.

The SPEECH of His Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY*, Esqr. Captain General and GOUVERNOUR in Chief of Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* in *New-England*: To the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Court Assembled at *Boston*, October the 28th, 1706.

Gentlemen,

*I am now to acquaint you that the Summer is past, and by the favour of Almighty God, we have been happily preserved from the Inroads of the Indian Enemy, (notwithstanding their great distance of Settlement from us, being gone over to the French, has given them advantage to come with the more secrecy upon the Frontiers) which has very much depended upon our good Intelligence of their motions towards the several Parts, and our Readiness to receive them, which nevertheless has greatly aggravated the Summers Charge.*

*But I should be wanting in my Duty to Her Majesty's Good Subjects, if I did not acknowledge and recommend to you the readiness and chearfulness of the Souldiers in all Parts, both of the standing Forces and of the Militia to march at the shortest warning, a well as of your own Readiness to support the Charge, which I have at all Times, and particularly by the Fleet now gone, Humbly Laid before Her Majesty.*

*And I must acknowledge that I have always been Assisted, and the Service forwarded by the Officers of the Revenue at home, as well as the Military Officers abroad.*

*What is wanting in this Session for the benefit of the Province, I shall be glad to be advised of, and desire the Assembly will proceed therein.*

*Mr. Treasurer will acquaint the House of Representatives with the present state of the Treasury, and experience has Assured me of your Readiness in the Supplies, in which I desire you earnestly to Consider of such Rules for the equal Laying of Taxes, lest the method of the As-*

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essment be more grievous than the Tax it self.

I must further acquaint you, That I am again Commanded to represent to you, that the Different values of the money passing amongst us both contrary to Her Majesty's Proclamation, as well as the Laws of the Province, as they are hurtful to us, so they are very unacceptable at home, which I desire you will Consider.

I have often moved since I have had the Honour to Command here, that you would provide some proper Laws for the benefit of this Town, and other places of Trade, that Measures and Weights may be set of Provisions, Wood and Hay coming to Market, the want whereof is very prejudicial to all honest men, both the Buyer and Seller.

I desire you will proceed in every thing with all freedom and Unanimity, and that we may not burthen the Province with any long and unnecessary Attendance here.

I shall give you the present Rate of the Forces in the several Parts, and desire your Advice therein.

By His Excellency JOSEPH DUDLEY Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, &c. in New England: A PROCLAMATION, for the better Regulation of Seamen and Marines.

WHEREAS the Laws of this Province have made good & wholesome Provision against the Entertaining, Hiding or Assisting the Escape of Seamen and Marines, duly Ship't in the Service of the Sea, or Trusting and Crediting them in their Expences, without the Knowledge and Allowance of the Captain or Commander. Notwithstanding which, divers Persons have been so hardy, as to Transgress the Laws in that respect, To the very great Hurt and Injury of Her Majesties Service in Her own Ships, as well as of the Trade of the Province in Merchant Ships,

I Have therefore thought fit, by & with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to Issue forth this Proclamation for the better preventing of such mischiefs for time to come; And to render the Persons the more inexcusable, That shall be convicted of Shipping, Entertaining, hiding or concealing any Sailour or Marine actually in Her Majesties Service and Pay, or duly Ship'd for Voyages in Merchant Ships; Or that shall be convicted of Trusting or Crediting of any such without Leave as aforesaid; Every person or persons so as aforesaid offending, shall not only Lose their Debts, but also be prosecuted and punished with the utmost severities of Law.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, the first day of November, 1706. In the Fifth Year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lady ANNE, by the Grace of GOD of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c.







**GOVERNOR JOSEPH DUDLEY**

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Boston, Massachusetts

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By Order of the Gouverour with  
the Advice of the Council.  
Isaac Addington, Secr.

J. DUDLEY

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Boston, Capt. Blue is arrived here from Montserat.

Letters from Oporto of Septemb. 12. N. S. Say, [Foreign news.]

Inwards	From
Benj. English	Sloop Speedwell
William Tillet	Sloop Elizabeth
Jotham Odiorne	Ship Nich. & Susan
Anthony Bracket	Sloop Katerine
John Groce	Sloop Speedwell
Eben Parker	Sloop Dolphin
Thomas Lothrop	Sloop Diamond
Alexan. Duncan	Sloop Friendship
Francis Norris	Sloop Seaflower
John Richards	Brigt. Endeavour
Cleared Outward	
Abell Jones	Sloop Larke
Moses Abbot	Sloop Endeavour
Jona. Ranson	Sloop Timothie
John Babbage	Ship Oporto Merch.
Edward Beere	Sloop St. Christopers
Outward Bound	
Andrew Wilson	Ship Sarah Galley
Thomas Phelps	Sloop Greyhound
Ezekiel Cravatt	Ketch Dolphin
Eben. Hathorne	Brigt. Unity
George Peirson	Sloop John & Mary
John Secom	Sloop Boneto

New-York, Octob. 28. On the 24th. Instant arrived here a Sloop from Jamaica, who left that Island the 9th. of September. The Master says, That a Packet was arrived from England. That Admiral Whetstone was to Sail for England in September with three men of War, and the home-ward bound Fleet under his Convoy.

On the 26th. arrived one Croxton in 30 dayes from Antigua.

One of the Virginia Fleet who put in here to repair some damage received in a Storm, will Sail from hence to England in 3 or 4 Weeks at furthest.

New-London, October 31st. This day is Celebrated throughout this Colony, A Day of Thanksgiving to Almighty GOD, for the Glorious Victories granted to Her Majesties Arms, and those in Con-

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federacy with Her: And for the Signal Goodness of GOD vouchsafed to this Colony, and the rest of Her Majesties Provinces in these Parts.

*Rhode-Island, November* the 1st. On the 25th of the last arrived here one *Brooks* in a Sloop from Barbadoes, who on Tuesday the 24th of *September*, met with a Turnado there, She stood off and on the Island till Fryday the 27th, when she came from thence, and then saw several Vessels ryde out the Storm. There was a Pensilvania Sloop put on Shore.

### Advertisements.

**L**ost a Fore-Sail, a Fore-Top-Sail, and some other Rigging, belonging to the Briganteen Experiment, *Jonathan Evans* Master, that was Stranded at Hampton. Whoever shall find the same, and bring all or any of them unto *George Jeffrey* Esq. of *Piscataqua* Merchant, or unto Mr. *Nicholas Roberts* of *Boston* Merchant, shall be well rewarded, besides all reasonable Charges Paid.

**A**ny Persons that wants to Borrow Money at Interest giving a good Security; Inquire of *John Campbell* Post-master of *Boston*, and know further.

**S**Tole or Lost on Wednesday the 30th of *October*, out of the House of *Mrs. Mildred Dorell* Widow, A small Silver Tankard, holds about a Wine quart, Markt M. D. with the Work-mans mark I. C. Whoever shall bring back the said Tankard, or give true Intelligence of it to the Owner, shall be sufficiently rewarded for their pains: if offered to be Sold or Pawned, you are desired to stop it, and the Person that has it, and give notice as abovesaid.

**T**Here is a certain Person, That calls himself by the name of *John Foster*, of low Stature, pretty fresh coloured, Aged about 28 years, Says, he is a Welsh-man, but proves to be an Irish man, That in all probability has Stole Two Horses, and a large old Silver Tankard will hold near Two quarts, has no mark discernable, but the Work-mans Name that made it; which said *Foster*, is committed to Prison at *Bristol*, by the Honourable Col. *Nathanael Byfield* Esq. One of Her Majesties Justices of the Peace, upon Suspicion of Stealing; and the said Justice sent this, Relation to be put into the Publick Print, That the true Owner may have his own, & the Fellow Justice done him.

**A** Negro man Slave aged about 18 years, to be Sold by *Mrs. Wakefield* Widow, and seen at her House near the North-Meeting-House in *Boston*.

**N**OW Published An Almanack by N. W. for the Year 1707. Wherein are contained the Quarters of the Moon, Aspects of Planets, Courts, Spring Tides, Weather, Rising and Setting

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of the Sun, Full Sea Eclipses, &c. with some useful Rural Instructions, that may Benefit & Encourage the Industrious Husband-man, as also the Anatomy, likewise the Form of a Bond, with a Pleasant Verse on each Month.<sup>172</sup> Sold by Bartholomew Green at the Printing-house at the South End of Boston, and by Eleazar Phillips Book-seller at his Shop in Charlestown.

[Reprinted: negro woman to be sold, as in October 28; house and land to be sold, as in October 21; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

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Num. 134.

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[THIS four page number begins with the proclamation of Queen Anne announcing the reopening of trade with the reconquered Spanish Netherlands. Following is other foreign news, mainly of the war, from the camp of the duke of Marlborough at Grimbergh, and from Turin, Hague, Lisbon, Venice, Mindelheim and other cities, of May dates.]

*Antigua, Octob. 3.* On the 25th of *September* last, Arrived here Her Majesties Ships of War, the *Jersey* and *Sheerness* from *Jamaica*. who on the 10th of the said Month in the Latitude of 28 in a Storm lost their Fore-Masts, Bowsprits, and all their Top-Masts; The *Grayhound* Man of War who parted with them in the Storm is not yet heard of: Several Vessels are put in here, and at the Leward-Islands that lost their Masts in the said Storm.

The last Packet of the 10th of *August* from *England* say, That *Cadiz* and all the Sea-ports in *Spain* have declared for King *Charles* the Third.

Four days ago we had advice from St. *Bartholomews*, of 14 Privateers Cruising for our Fleet.

Mr. *Wyborne* is arrived at St. *Christophers* with the Charitable Benevolence of the People of the *Massachusetts* Province for the Relief of the Distressed Inhabitants of that Island, being a great favour (and as I am inform'd by Col. *Crisp* one of the Gentlemen of St. *Christophers* who is now here) is accepted and resented by them

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172 Nathaniel Whittemore: born 1670, died 1754, a local maker of almanacs for many years. He published "Whittemore Revived, An Almanack for the year of our Lord 1706," by "N. W." See News-Letter No. 77 *ante*, under advertisements.

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as such<sup>173</sup> *Tobias Green of Boston* who was bound thence to *Barbadoes* is at *Nevis*. Mr. *Welch* arrived here the 21st of last Month, having lost all his Horses in bad Weather.

*New-York, November the 4th.* No Vessels arrived here since my last. Outward bound are *Grant, York, Cebra, Bourdet* and *Coward* for *Jamaica*, *Follen* and *Law* for *Barbadoes*, *Sandford* and *Beard* for *South Carolina*, and *Play* for *Antigua*. One of the *Virginia Fleet* that was put back to this Port, designs to Sail for *London* in two or three Weeks.

The Horse in your *Numb. 132.* Stolen out of Mr. *Easton's* Farm on *Rhode-Island*, is now in the Custody of Capt. *Mathews*[.] *Ranger General*<sup>174</sup> of this Province, who about 4 or 5 Weeks ago was brought to *Flatbush* on *Long-Island*, by a man who had several pieces of broken Plate which he Sold among the Country People, and at last being suspected to have Stollen them was taken up but before he was committed, he made his escape, and left his Horse, Saddle and Bridle behind him; 'Tis believed that the Fellow who Stole this Horse has also Stollen one from Capt. *Mathews*, and another from a Farmer here, and Sold them in *New-England*. This Fellow Robb'd Mrs. *Sandford* of *New-Jersey* of a great quantity of Plate, and is thought to be the same that Stole Mr. *Brights* Plate of *Rhode-Island*: 'Tis also said that this Fellow's Trade was to Steal Horses here, and to Sell them in *New-England*, and to Steal Horses in *New-England* and Sell them to the Westward; when he fled from *Long-Island* 'tis judg'd he Stole a horse here and rid on. His name I cannot learn (but beyond all peradventure the Thief is on[e] *John Foster*, mentioned in our Last *Numb. 133.* who is now in Prison at *Bristol* upon suspicion of Stealing.)

*Boston*, On the 6th Currant arrived here *Robert Gold* in a Sloop from *St. Johns Newfoundland*, 18 days passage, who Sailed from thence the 19th of *October* last, in Company of a Fleet with about 80 Sail bound for *England*, and *Portugal*, &c. under Convoy of 5 Sail of Men of War.

Inwards		From
<i>John Blue</i>	<i>Brigt. Dragon</i>	<i>Monserrat</i>
<i>William Cooke</i>	<i>Brigt. John &amp; James</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>Isaac Benny</i>	<i>Sloop Mary</i>	<i>N. foundland</i>
<i>John Sharp</i>	<i>Ship St. Anthony</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>Richard Butler</i>	<i>Slo[o]p Mary</i>	<i>St. Christoph</i>

173 See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 561-562, 565-567.

174 Probably Captain *Matthews*, *Ranger General*.

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Cleared Outward		For
<i>Jacob Parker</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
<i>Carteret Gillam</i>	Sloop Tryal	Connecticut
<i>Dirick Adolph</i>	Sloop Two Brothers	New-York
<i>Simon Nichols</i>	Sloop Ann	Ditto
<i>Samuel Long</i>	Brigt. Swan	Virginia
<i>John Fisher</i>	Sloop Blackthorn	Ditto
<i>Thomas Beard</i>	Ship Adventure	Madera
<i>John Rawlins</i>	Sloop John & Tho.	Jamaica
Outward Bound		For
<i>William Thomas</i>	Brigt. Amity	Barbadoes
<i>William Fellows</i>	Sloop Gloucester	Ditto
<i>William Arnold</i>	Ship David & Joseph	London
<i>Jeremiah Vaile</i>	Sloop Mary	N. Carolina

These are to give Notice, That the Bag of Letters designed for England by the Briganteen Experiment, Jonathan Evans Master, that was Stranded at Hampton, are now in the Post Office at Boston; And any Person that wants their Letters again may have them.

**Advertisements.**

There is now Published Mr. Clough's Almanack for the year 1707.

To which is added, a brief incontestable Demonstration, that the present year 1707. is in reality the year 1710. till Octob. 25th. And from thence 1711. of the true Christian *Æra*, according to the Newest and Truest Computation of the best Chronologers.<sup>175</sup> Sold by Benjamin Eliot under the West end of the Town-House, and Nicholas Boone near School-House-Lane, Boston.

To Tolen on the Lords-day night the 10th Currant out of the House of Mr. John Green, in Long-lane<sup>176</sup> Boston, School-master, A Silver

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Tankard that holds an Ale-quart, Markt in the bottom I S The Person that Stole it left a black Dog in the House, which may be seen: Whoever shall bring back the said Tankard, or give any true Intelligence of it to the Owner, shall be sufficiently rewarded for their Pains: If offered to be Sold or Pawned, you are desired to stop, it and the Person that has it, and give notice as abovesaid.

A Negro Boy about 14 years Old: And also a Negro Girl about 14 years old, speaks good English, to be Sold; Enquire of John

175 Samuel Clough: born in Charlestown, 1665, died 1707, almanac maker from 1701 till his death. The issues generally bore the title, Clough [the year]. The New England Almanack. That for 1706 carried also a Latin title. See News-Letter No. 78 *ante*. The publication was continued after his death. In the issue for 1708 was printed "An Eulogy On the late Ingenious Mr. Samuel Clough, died 1 day of the Week at 6 in the Morning, Octob. 26, 1707, Ætatas 42."

176 Long Lane, from Milk Street to Cow Lane, now High Street. Became Federal Street in 1788.

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Campbell Post-master of Boston, & know further. ✓

A. E.

Number. 135.

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[A NOTHER four page number, six of the eight columns of news being foreign. From Paris, May 28, is an account of the reception of news of the French reverses in the Netherlands and in Spain. From the camp of the duke of Marlborough are accounts of the capitulation of Ghent, Bruges and other cities. Other war dispatches are from Hague, Gibraltar, Hanover and elsewhere, of May and June dates.]

*Philadelphia, Nov. 8. Gold from Boston arrived here yesterday.*

*Chelmsford, Nov. 12. The Reverend Mr. Sampson Stoddard was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place, on Wednesday the 6th Currant.*

*Exeter, Nov. 12. The Reverend Mr. John Odlin was this Day Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place.*

*Rhode-Island, Nov. 15. Two unfortunate Accidents fell out in our Colony this week, one Tippits of Naraganset who kept a Saw Mill, was at work about the Flood-Gate which burst, let the water in, set the Wheel a going and carried the man to the bottom, and between it and the Ground broke his Thigh in two places, and tore the other very much, and 'tis doubted if he will live. The other a Young Woman about 16 years of Age, Daughter to one Whipple of Providence going to snap a Gun, which she knew not to be loaden, the Gun went off and unfortunately shot a poor man, who died in 6 hours.*

*Arrived here this week Boyce from Madera, Pecham from Antigua, Curtice and Hubbart from Connecticut; Ellery and Lindall are Sailed for Barbadoes, and Holmes for Madera.*

*Piscataqua, Nov. 15. There Arrived a Vessel last week at York, one Hull of this place Master, from Fyall, who in a Storm lost her Masts, and two of her men wash'd overboard. Last week also there was one Nathaniel Willfed kill'd at Sacho (by some Sculking Indians,) who had been out some distance from the Fort.*

*Hampton, Nov. 15. This day was Buryed here Deacon Page, Aged about 73 Years, who was well on Tuesday the 12th Currant at the Ordination of Mr. Odlin at Exeter.*

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*Boston*, On the 12th Currant arrived here the Brigt. *William, John Scot* Master, from *Jamaica*, who came out from thence the 8th of *October* last in Company of about 40 Sail bound for *England*, under Convoy of Admiral *Whetstone* with 4 Men of War, Eight days before the Admiral left *Jamaica*, a Clap of Thunder split his Main Mast and Main Top Mast, kill'd three of his men, and wounded several others. The 25th of *October* Mr. *Scot* left the Fleet 35 Leagues to the Leeward of *St. Antonies*. Two of the Fleet lost their Fore Masts and Bowsprits. There came also out in Company with him Capt. *Guttridge* for this place, whom he parted with the 31st of last Month. There likewise came out of *Jamaica* with him three Vessels for *New-York*, viz. *Rowland* in a Snow, *Perkins* in a Briganteen, and *Milburn* in a Sloop.

On Wednesday the 13th Currant, arrived Capt. *John Miles* at *Cape Ann*, who left *Barbadoes* the 16th of *October* last: There came out in Company with him for *Boston, Deering, Jenkins, Bucklin, Horton, Everton, Cary, Perkins, Fowle, Wyer and Harris; Andross* for *Salem, Laurence* for *New-York, Anthony and Moody* for *Pensilvania*. The *Pacquet* from *England* was arrived just as they Sailed.

*Samuel Boyce* in the Briganteen *Susanna* being one of the *Virginia Fleet*, bound for *England*, that put in here to refit some damage, will Sail in 14 days.

Inwards	From
<i>Daniel Wair</i>	Sloop Adventure Connecticut
<i>John Jackson</i>	Sloop Speedwell Piscataqua
<i>Nath. Harris</i>	Brigt. Swallow Barbadoes.
<i>William Wyer</i>	Brigt. Endeavour Ditto
<i>David Bucklin</i>	Brigt. Randal Ditto
<i>Joseph Everton</i>	Brigt. Elizabeth Ditto
<i>John Scot</i>	Brigt. William Jamaica
<i>Daniel Wyborn</i>	Sloop Hawk St. Christoph.
Cleared Outward	For
<i>Tho. Lothrop</i>	Sloop Diamond Vineyard
<i>Tho. Phelps</i>	Sloop Grayhound North Carolina
<i>Antho. Bracket</i>	Sloop Kathrine Piscataqua
<i>Giles Hall</i>	Sloop Lyon Connecticut
<i>John Waters</i>	Sloop Betty Antigua
<i>Mat. Armstr.</i>	Sloop Swallow Virginia
<i>Daniel Noyes</i>	Brigt. Hannover Madera
<i>John Ela</i>	Brigt. Dove Jamaica
<i>Tho. Fawkes</i>	Brigt. Friendship Ditto
<i>Ephr. Breed</i>	Ship Friendship Ditto
<i>John Brewer</i>	Sloop Content Curacao
<i>Esek. Gravat</i>	Ketch Dolphin South Carolina

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Outward Bound		For
<i>Francis Plaisteed</i>	Belcher Frigot	Barbadoes
<i>Elea. Armitage</i>	Sloop Alexander	Ditto
<i>William Clarke</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Maryland
<i>John Wilkins</i>	Sloop Nonsuch	North Carolina
<i>Obad. Wakefield</i>	Sloop Swan	Virginia

**Advertisements.**

**R**AN-away from his Master Col. Nathanael Byfield Esq. of Bristol, last Monday Evening, the 11th Currant in a Cannoe, James Furdize a Scotch Young man, aged about 19 years, speaks good English, of a middle Stature, fair Complexion, light brown Hair, hath with him a good black felt Hat, two Jackets, the undermost of Searge lyned, the uppermost of Home-spun Kersey dyed of a pretty sad Colour, and lyned with brown linen called western Tow-cloth, a Flanel Shirt, and leather Breeches: Whosoever shall apprehend the abovesaid Servant and bring or convey him safe to his said Master, or secure him, and send any true Intelligence of him, so as his Master may have him again, shall be well rewarded, and all necessary charges paid besides.

**S**olen or lost 2 Silver Spoons, one markt E. E. the other I. S. Whoever shall bring back the said Spoons or give any true Intelligence unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, shall be sufficiently rewarded; if offered to be Sold or pawned you are desired to stop either or both, and give notice as abovesaid.

**A** Negro Man about 20 years of Age, and a Negro Girl about 14 years old, speaks good English to be sold: Enquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: house and land to be sold, as in October 21; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

**R. E.**

**Rumb. 136.**

# The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** November 18. to **Monday** November 25, 1706.

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**[A**NOTHER four page number. From Vienna, June 5, is an account of the raising of the siege of Barcelona, and from the camp of the duke of Marlborough, June 7, reports of the capitulation of Antwerp and other cities of the Spanish Netherlands. Other foreign items are from London, Vienna, Hague, Frankfort and else-

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where, of July, August and September dates. Among the domestic items under Boston date is the report of the arrival of Captain Samuel Appleton, commissioner to Canada for the exchange of prisoners, bringing with him the minister, John Williams and his two sons, taken at the sack of Deerfield.]

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*Whitehaven, Aug. 16.* This day arrived the *Mary Ann* of and from *Pensikvania*, Capt. *Guy* Commander.

*London, Aug. 30.* The *Barbadoes* Fleet are all safely Arrived.

*Whitehall, Sept. 14.* [Under this date are several items of foreign news, the last relating to reports from the Earl of Galway in Spain, and this editorial comment is appended:] (This last Paragraph seems to confirm that piece of News in our *Numb. 132.* from *Oporto Sept. 24.* of a Battel fought between the Earl of *Peterborow*, and the Duke of *Anjou*, wherein the latter was totally Routed).

*Barbadoes, Octob. 16.* The Honourable *William Sharp* Esqr. President of Her Majesty's Council, made a Speech to the Assembly, the substance whereof is as follows: He layes before them the evil of Divisions, and of Persons seeking their own private Interests, to the destruction of the Publick, which he exhorts them to lay aside. And to use utmost Endeavours to keep the War abroad, by putting the Island in a posture of Defence which may convince the Enemy that the most favourable Entertainment they can expect will be an Ignominious Retreat.

He laments the unhappy Circumstances of the Inferiour sort of Inhabitants, who are disheartened by the fatigue, labour and insupportable expence of Military Duty, which forces them to seek support in other Places, and reduces the Militia very low: To supply which, he advises to Address Her Majesty for Forces to perform that Duty.

He also acquaints them that they cannot be ignorant, That Trade is essential even to the being of a Colony, which tender Plant all wise Governments have Nursed and Cherished with the fondest care, and the Darling of their hopes, and the only inexhaustable Sourse of Wealth, which they ought to encourage by establishing their Credit on better grounds than now it stands.

And lastly he recommends to them the support of True Religion and Vertue, without which no State or Society ever arrived to any degree of Wealth and Honour, which alone can procure Success in all our Attempts.

Concluding, That they all should sacrifice their private Considerations to the Publick Good.

At 12 a Clock this Day arrived the Packet from *England*, 23 days passage, as the Fleet for *New-England* were just Sailing.

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*Boston*, On the 18th Currant Dyed here Mr. *Ralph Harrison* Comptroller of Her Majesty's Custom-House.

On *Thursday* the 20th Currant arrived here Capt. *Samuel Appleton* Esqr. Commissioner sent by His Excellency our Governour a Flag of Truce to *Canada* for the Exchanging of Prisoners, who has brought with him in the Brigantine *Hope*, whereof *John Bonner* is Master, 57 of ours, of whom is the Reverend Mr. *John Williams*, Pastor of *Deerfield* and his Two Sons.<sup>177</sup> They left *Canada* the 29th of *October*. These were all that could then be got ready, and the rest are expected in the Spring.<sup>178</sup> The *French* say that the Indians who made a Descent on our Frontiers this Summer, finding them so Lined with men, they were constrained to throw away their Arms, Blankets, &c. for their more speedy flight, and returned again without so much as a flap to cover their nakedness.

Inwards	From
<i>Joseph Johnson</i>	Sloop Elizabeth
<i>Benja. Ellinwood</i>	Sloop Speedwell
<i>John Myles</i>	Ship Unity
<i>John Jenkin</i>	Ship Robert
<i>Henry Dering</i>	Ship Abigail
<i>Isaac Fowle</i>	Brigt. Abigail
<i>John Horton</i>	Brigt. Tryal
<i>Nathaniel Cary</i>	Sloop Katherine
<i>Isaac Perkins</i>	Sloop Rosanna
<i>Tobias Green</i>	Brigt. Mayflower
<i>John Love</i>	Brigt. Tryal
<i>Philip Lewis</i>	Brigt. Hope
Cleared Outward	For
<i>Jeremiah Vaile</i>	Sloop Mary
<i>Robert Sanders</i>	Sloop Mary
<i>Samuel Sanders</i>	Sloop Dolphin
<i>William Tillst</i>	Sloop Elizabeth
<i>Joseph Brown</i>	Sloop Speedwell
<i>John Webster</i>	Brigt. Endeavour
<i>William Clark</i>	Sloop Endeavour
<i>Robert Melvin</i>	Ship Tho & Sarah
<i>John Jackson</i>	Sloop Speedwell

177 Taken captive by the Indians in the sack of *Deerfield*, February 29, 1704/5. See Sheldon's History of *Deerfield*, Vol. I, pp. 337-338. See also Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 173, under dates Decr 5<sup>th</sup>, Decr 7. See News-Letter No. 71 *ante*, p. 236, and No. 144 *post*.

178 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . Vol. VIII, pp. 641-642. Mr. Goodell points out an error in the date of the arrival as here given, which should be *Thursday* the 21st. See News-Letter No. 144 *post*.

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<i>James Cawley</i>	Sloop Beginning	Tercera
<i>Joseph Polley</i>	Barque Blessing	Nevis
<i>Thomas Hunt</i>	Sloop Panther	Jamaica
	Outward bound	For
<i>John Richards</i>	Brigt. Endeavour	Antigua
<i>Mathew Wilson</i>	Batchellours Advent.	Ditto
<i>William Rowlson</i>	Sloop Elizabeth	Ditto
<i>James Barns</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Ditto
<i>John Pitts</i>	Sloop Rebecca	Ditto
<i>William Webster</i>	Brigt. Dragon	Ditto
<i>Nathanael Harris</i>	Brigt. Swallow	Barbadoes
<i>Daniel Allen</i>	Ship Nich. & Susanna	Ditto
<i>John Blue</i>	Brigt. Dragon	S. Carolina

On the 24th. Arrived here *Eleazar Johnson* from Antigua.

*New York, Nov. 11.* On the 7th Instant arrived here, one *Chaplin* from *Barbadoes* in a Sloop but last from *Barmuda*.

On the 9th arrived *Lawrence* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes* who left that Island the 16th of *October* in Company with about 12 Sail for *Boston, Anthony & Wade* for *Philadelphia*.

On the 10th arrived *Braduck* in a Sloop from *Madera*, and *De Hart* in a Ship from said Port, the former five weeks, and latter 9 weeks passage, but brings no News. The same day arrived a Galley from *Jamaica*, who left it the 8th under Convoy of Admiral *Whetstone* with 4 Men of War and the Fleet for England.

Yesterday *Pasco* arrived here from *Boston*.

*Philadelphia, Nov. 15.* Mr. *Anthony* and *Wade* are arrived here from *Barbadoes*, they came out in Company with several Vessels for *New-England*; The 16th of *October* last, just as they came away, the Packet-Boat was arrived from *England*, that came out thence with our Grand Fleet who were bound as 'tis said to make a Descent into *France*.

*New York, Nov. 18.* On Fryday last His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury* arrived here from his other Government of *New-Jersey*.

We daily expect Capt. *Holland* and Capt. *Isaacks* from *England*, they lay at the Nore the 1st of *August* ready to Sail

A Letter from *Virginia* advises of the arrival of a *Barmuda Sloop* there, who in the Lat. of 32. met with a *Wreck*, a Sloop loaden with Provisions having a white Stern, they took out of her several barrels of Flower, some Sails and Rigging, and left here there, there was not a Soul on board.

A Briganteen and Sloop that came out of *Jamaica* with Admiral *Whetstone* for this Port, are not yet arrived

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Outward bound are 3 Ships and 3 Sloops for Jamaica, 4 Sloops for Barbadoes, a Sloop for Curacoa, and another for Antigua.

Capt. Cole for England in the Friends Adventure will Sail in 14 days at farthest.

*Rhode-Island, Nov. 22.* This week arrived here a Brigt. from Antigua, 3 weeks passage, one Welch Master.

*Byfield, Novemb. 21.* Yesterday the Reverend Mr. Moses Hale was Ordained Pastor of the Church, Newly Gathered, in this Place. N. Byfield is a Parish Erected out of some remote Lands of Newbury, and Rowley, lying upon the River Parker, near the Falls.

*Sudbury, Novemb. 22.* On Wednesday the 20th Instant, The Reverend Mr. Israel Loring was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place.

### Advertisements.

**S**Tollen on Fryday night the 22 Currant, out of a Warehouse upon the Dock in Boston, 4 Pieces of Silk Muffins, & 6 Dozen of broad Ribbands; Whosoever shall give any True Intelligence of them unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, so as that the right Owner may have them again, shall be sufficiently rewarded, If all or any of them be offered to be Sold or Pawned, you are desired to stop the same, and the Person that has it, and give notice as abovesaid.

**T**HERE is lately Arrived from England very good Cordage of all Sizes, from a Spun-yarn to Cables of Ten Inches, to be Sold by Mr. Lewis Boucher Merchant, either by whole Sale or Retail at his Warehouse upon the Dock in Boston.

**F**OUR Negro Men Slaves, to be Sold, one about 18 years old, a second about 19. a third about 20. and a fourth about 30 years, that is a Tallow Chandler & a Soap-Boyler, and a good Work-man: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further. ✓

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

**M. E.**

**Rumb. 137.**

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From **Monday** November 25. to **Monday** December 2. 1706.

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**[F**URTHER reports of the victories of the allied armies in Flanders, including the capitulation of Antwerp, are given in this four page number. There are numerous dispatches of June dates from

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Hague, Milan, Paris, Frankfort, Hanover, the camp of the duke of Marlborough at Arseele, and other places on the continent of Europe. The number opens with an editorial note, as below, introducing the foreign news.]

*According to our usual manner (on the Arrival of Ships from England, Portugal, or by the West-India Pacquets) we gave you in our Last, a Summary of the most Remarkable Occurrences of Europe for six weeks time, viz from the 1st of August, to the 15th of September last: And now we must proceed to the more particular Account of the Foreign Occurrences where we left off; So that any one having this Print for the year, will be furnished not only with the Occurrences of Europe, the West-Indies, but also those of this and the Neighbouring Provinces.*

*Dublin, June 15.* On the 4th Instant Captain *Saunders*, Commander of Her Majesty' Ship the *Shoreham*, sailing to the Westward with some Ships bound to the *West-Indies*, came up with a French Privateer of 8 Guns and 53 Men, and chased her into *Bantry Bay*, in *Beer-Haven*, where he took her. She is called the *Francis* of *Cheerbourg*, Captain *Owen Richard* Commander.

*Plimouth, [Eng.] June 18.* Here are come in the *Patience* of *Dram* in *Norway*, Bound hither, and a *French* Prize called the *Oliver* of *Bourdeaux*, laden with Sugar from the *West-Indies*, taken by a Privateer of *Flushing*.

Boston	Inwards	From
<i>Jacob Parker</i>	Sloop <i>Endeavour</i>	<i>Piscataqua</i>
<i>Jonathan Hilton</i>	Sloop <i>Success</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>Robert Luist</i>	Brigt. <i>Amity</i>	<i>Connecticut</i>
<i>Peter Sergeant</i>	Sloop <i>Two Friends</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
	Cleared Outwards	For
<i>Jonathan Hilton</i>	Sloop <i>Success</i>	<i>Piscataqua</i>
<i>John Wilkins</i>	Sloop <i>Nonsuch</i>	<i>N. Carolina</i>
<i>Richard Coller</i>	Sloop <i>Mary Rose</i>	<i>Nevis</i>
<i>John Secomb</i>	Sloop <i>Boneto</i>	<i>Jamaica</i>
<i>Peter Meers</i>	Ship <i>Blessing</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>John Collyer</i>	Brigt. <i>Unity</i>	<i>Tercera</i>
<i>John Blue</i>	Brigt. <i>Dragon</i>	<i>S. Carolina</i>
	Outward bound	For
<i>Nathanael Perkins</i>	Brigt. <i>Success</i>	<i>Antigua</i>
<i>Isaac Benny</i>	Sloop <i>Mary</i>	<i>Barbadoes</i>
<i>Daniel Wyborn</i>	Ship <i>Robert</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>Thomas Masters</i>	Ship <i>Cumberland</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>Samuel Emes</i>	Katch <i>Seaflower</i>	<i>Virginia.</i>

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[*The Southern and Western Post, at the Printing hereof on Monday morning at 9 a Clock not yet come in.*]

Advertisements.

**A** Ny Gentlemen, Merchants or others, that have any damnified Powder, or dust of Powder, either to Sell, or to be made of New, They may repair with the same unto Walter Evenden,<sup>170</sup> Powder-Maker, at his House in Dorchester, who will either buy it or make it of New for them, on reasonable terms.

**T**Hree Negro Men Slaves, to be Sold, one about 18 years old, a second about 19, and a third about 30 years, that's a Tallow Chandler and Soap-Boyler, and a good Work-man: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

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[No copies of the News-Letter issues of December 2-9, Number 138; December 9-16, Number 139; and December 16-23, Number 140, are now (1910) known to be in existence.]

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[A LITTLE over three pages and a half of this issue are devoted to foreign news, including items from London, Paris, Venice, Verona, Genoa, Deal and Hague, of July and August dates, and reports from the duke of Savoy's camp at Polongere, and the duke of Marlborough's camp at Helchin, and from Dantzick, Schaffouze and Shields, of similar dates.]

*New-York December the 16th. On the 11th Instant, Capt. Cole Sailed from Jacques Bay for London. On the said Day Mr. Graven-raedt arrived here from Boston, but last from Rhode-Island.*

The 12th. Instant was Religiously observed throughout this Province a Day of Publick Thanksgiving to Almighty GOD, for the

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179 Walter Everden: owner of the first powder mill set up in the Massachusetts Bay colony, originally erected in 1675, the time of King Philip's War. Everden was its first manager, and gradually acquired the privilege through purchase of the interests of the original proprietors, among whom were the Reverend John Oxenbridge, pastor, and the Reverend James Allen, teacher, of the First Church in Boston, and Captain John Hull and Freegrace Bendall, merchants of Boston.

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late Glorious Success of Her Majesties Arms and those of her Allies under the Command of his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, and those in Spain.

On the 14th. Instant Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstaffe* Sailed from hence to Barbadoes, with 4 Vessels under her Convoy.

*Marsh* in a Sloop from Rhode-Island bound to Maryland is arrived here.

*Rhode-Island Decemb.* 26th. We have had abundance of Rain here for 3 or 4 days. No Vessels arrived here but one *Codden* in a Sloop from New-York, who is Entered out there again.

Boston	Inwards	None,	
Cleared	Outwards,		For.
<i>Joseph Allen</i>	Sloop John & Mary		Rhode-Island
<i>Christopher Taylor</i>	Ship Union Galley		Barbadoes
<i>William Alden</i>	Ship Content		Ditto
<i>Francis Plaisted</i>	Belcher Figat		Ditto
<i>Tobias Green</i>	Brigt. Amijy		Ditto
<i>Bartholo. Green</i>	Brigt. Dove		Ditto
<i>Francis Norris</i>	Sloop Seaflower		Montserrat
<i>James Barns</i>	Sloop Endeavour		Antigua
<i>Natha. Perkins</i>	Brigt. Success		Ditto
<i>Robert Luist</i>	Brigt. Amity		Madera
<i>John Welch</i>	Sloop Swallow		Barmuda
<i>Philip Lewis</i>	Brigt. Hope		Surranam
Outward bound			For.
<i>Richard Metcalf</i>	Francis & Eliz.		Barbadoes
<i>Joseph Everton</i>	Brigt. Eliz.		Ditto
<i>Eleazar Johnson</i>	Brigt. Hopewell		Fiall

*All three Posts are now in, and set out again on Monday night the 30th Currant.*

**Advertisements**

**A**ny Person that has a Boy or Boys that can Read & Write, who wants to be put out to a good Master or Masters, may either speak (or send notice of him or them) unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, where they may know further.

**L**ost from Long-Island-Head about 17 days ago a Mast of 22 inches and 77 foot long; and another on Tuesday the 24th. Currant of 21 inches and about 75 foot long; both are markt. Whoever shall bring back both or either of them unto Capt. James Pitts of Boston, or give any true Intelligence of them, unto the said Capt. Pitts, or John Campbell Post-master of Boston, so as that the true owner may have them again, shall be sufficiently rewarded.

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From Monday December 30. to Monday January 6. 1706.

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[A FOUR page folio, seven columns of which are filled with foreign news, three columns being an account of the siege of Menin by the duke of Marlborough, in a dispatch from the camp at Helchin, October 9, 1706. Reports of the campaigns in Spain, Italy, Hungary and Poland are from Paris, Vienna, Lisbon, Dantzick, Frankfort and elsewhere, of August dates.]

*Piscataqua, Jan 2.* On Thursday last the 26th day of *Decemb.* there arrived at *Nanguncket* near to *Wells* in the Province of *Main*, A Flag of Truce from *Port Royal* with 34 *English* Prisoners, who had been out of *Port Royal* about a month before which said Prisoners came from *Placentia* in a French Man of War of 36 Guns, with *Monsieur Supercasse* (mentioned in our Num. 139 to have a Comission for the Government of *Port Royal*.) There came also a Flyboat from *Placentia* of 8 Guns, being a Store Ship, which was again Loaden and ready to Sail for *France* when the said Prisoners came from *Port-Royal*. Of the above Prisoners belonging to *Boston* are, *Messieurs, Arthur Jeffers, Peter Signiac[.] Allen Southmead, Solomon Gardner, Abraham Lewis, John White, Thomas Dawson* and 7 more belongs to *N. York*.<sup>180</sup>

*Rhode-Island Jan. 3* On the 1st Instant arrived here a Sloop from *Antigua*, *Richard Smith* Master, about 3 weeks passage, who says that there was a Packet arrived there from *Barbadoes* about a fortnight ere he left *Antigua*, that said there was 12 Sail of Men of War arrived there from *England*. The said Day came in *Lillibrige* from *Connecticut*.

We are informed here that five days ago Cap. *Emons* arrived at *New-London* from *England* bound for *New-York*, who had about ten weeks passage, on board whereof is Mr. *Byerlie* Collector of *New-York*. They also say, that the Store Ship for *New-York* was run down in the Channel of *England* by a Man of War, and lost.

*John Cranston* Entered Outward for *Curacao*.

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180 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 678.

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*Salisbury;* Major *Robert Pike* Esq. was Interr'd here on *Thursday* the 19th. of *December* last; the Foot Company of the Town, and the Troop, being in Arms.

He died in the 92 year of his Age.

*Salem, Jan. 4.* An awful Providence fell out here: On Friday the 3d Currant, *Samuel Neale* of this Town Shoe-maker, being well and in health, eat his Dinner heartily, and afterward went well to his Work, where he was taken Speechless, and never spoke a word after, but departed this Life the same Evening.

<i>Boston</i>	<i>Inwards</i>	<i>None</i>
	<i>Cleared Outward</i>	<i>For</i>
<i>Thomas Langdon</i>	<i>Sloop Fortune</i>	<i>Plymouth</i>
<i>John Scot</i>	<i>Brigt. William</i>	<i>Jamaica</i>
<i>Azor Gale</i>	<i>Ship Friendship</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>Joshua Pickman</i>	<i>Ketch Exchange</i>	<i>Madera</i>
<i>Andrew Wilson</i>	<i>Ship Sarah Galley</i>	<i>Barbadoes</i>
	<i>Outward Bound</i>	<i>For</i>
<i>John Robinson</i>	<i>Brigt Sarah</i>	<i>Barbadoes</i>
<i>Walter Goodridge</i>	<i>Brigt Abiel &amp; Sarah</i>	<i>Surranam</i>
<i>John Rayner</i>	<i>Ketch Freeke</i>	<i>Fyall</i>

### Advertisements

**A** Negro woman aged about 26 years to be Sold: Enquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

**S**toled or Lost in September last, out of Samuel Dogget of Marshfield his Sloop then in Boston, the first part of Purchasses Pilgrims' a History in Folio: Whoever shall bring back the said Book unto the said Dogget, or unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, or give any true Intelligence of it unto either so as that the true owner may have it again, shall be sufficiently rewarded; If offered to be Sold or pawned, you are desired to stop it, and the Person that has it, and give notice as abovesaid.

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**R. E.**

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From **Monday** January 6. to **Monday** January 13. 1706.

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**[**IN this number is a variety of foreign news concerning the **siege** of Menin, military movements before Turin, and other military movements on the continent, contained in letters from Paris, London, Dublin, Genoa, Hague and elsewhere, of August 1706, dates.]

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*New-York Decemb. 31* Capt. Tongrelow Sails this week on Privateering, he has also a Sloop with him for a Tender. Rolland for Jamaica, and Bourdet for Curacoa, intends to Sail with him.

On the 26th Instant arrived here the Brigt. York, *William Stanton* Master in 11 days from St. Christophers, the 10th of *October* he sailed from *Bristol* bound for this Port, and in Lat. of *Barmudas* he sprung a Leak and bore away to *Nevis* and stay'd there some time, and from thence to *St Christophers*, by whom we have the following Account.

A few days before Mr. *Stanton* Sailed from *Nevis*, Sir *John Jennings* arrived there with 12 Men of War from *Lisbon* from 50 to 80 Guns and a Fireship, they have Spanish Commissions and are bound to *New-Spain* to Convey home the Galleons: They bring the News that King *Charles* has had a Battel with the Duke of *Anjou*, and obtained an intire Victory, and that the latter is fled to *Navar*.

Capt. *Thomas Lilly* of *Boston* was at *Nevis*, but not meeting with a Market there, came to *St. Christophers*, and was there when *Stanton* Sailed. One *Ball* in a Sloop was ready to Sail from thence for *Boston*.

One *Trott* in a Sloop from *Pensilvania* bound to the Leeward-Islands was taken by a *French* Privateer, and Retaken by a *Curacoa* Privateer & carried in to *St. Christophers*.

The News from *Eng.* by publick Prints is as follows [war news, including details of the operations before *Turin* and raising the siege.]

*New London, Jan. 7.* On the 29th of *December* arrived here the *Margaret Gally* from *England*, *Joseph Emons* Master, bound for *New-York*, who came out of *Portsmouth* the 18th day of *October* last, in Company of about 200 Sail bound for several Parts, under Convoy of 3 Men of War bound for *Lisbon*. There came also so out in Company with *Emons* for *New-York* the *Resolution Gally* with Stores, Capt *Holland* Commander, and one *Isaac* in a Brigantine, and another Brigantine for *Philadelphia*, one *Palmer* Master. The *Resolution Gally* was run down in the night in the channel by the *Halifax Gally* another Merchant-man bound to the *Streights*; and 'tis fear'd that the *Resolution Gally* is lost; The *Halifax Gally*'s Men all but 5 or 6 jumpt out of their own Ship into the *Resolution*, judging her to be the most likely to be saved: The *Halifax Gally* being much disabled, was Tow'd in to *Plym.* by a Man of War.

The Advice we have from *England* is a further Confirmation of the Raising the Siege of *Turin*, and the entire Defeat of the *French* Army in *Italy* by the Imperialists under the Command of Prince *Eugene*, in conjunction with the Duke of *Savoy*'s Troops (mentioned in our Numb. 136.) [Details follow.]

*Boston*, On Fryday the 10th Currant was Interr'd here *Samuel Legg* Esqr. of Her Majesty's Council for this Province, who Dyed on Tuesday, the 7th. Instant.

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Our Prisoners mentioned in our Last, that came from *Port-Royal* and *Placentia* acquaint us, That a *French* Privateer of 12 Guns and 70 men went out of *Placentia* the latter end of *May* last, designing to come upon the *New-England* Coast, who near to Cape *Sabes* met with a Merchant-man of about 20 Guns, which he took to be a *New-Englander*, and with whom he had a hot dispute: The Merchant-man having kill'd all his men but 14, and all his officers but himself, and his ship was much torn and shattered: The Privateer was glad to leave him, and make the best of his way back again for *Placentia*, where he arrived the latter end of *July* last.

The Brigt. *Sarah* of this place, *David Craige* Master from *Holland* and *England* bound for this Port, after a stout resistance was taken within 12 Leagues of Cape *Sabes* by a *French* Privateer of 16 Guns and 70, men who came from *Placentia* to Cruise on this Coast, and was by the said Privateer carried in to St. *Peters* in *Newfoundland*, and after 6 weeks stay there, the said Briganteen with the Master and Sailors were sent to *France*, some of the Passengers were sent to *Placentia*, and are of the Prisoners mentioned in our Last to have come in the Flag of Truce.

	Cleared Outward	For
<i>Daniel Allin</i>	Ship <i>Nich. &amp; Susan</i>	<i>Barbadoes</i>
	Outward Bound	For
<i>Joseph White</i>	Sloop <i>Hope</i>	<i>Montserrat.</i>

[No advertisements in this number.]

**A. E.**

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[**F**OUR folio pages, three pages filled with many short items of minor foreign events, reported from London, Dublin, Hague, Verona, Milan, Paris, Ostend and elsewhere, of August dates. An account of the siege and capitulation of Menin is the important news.]

*Hatfield, January 9* The People of this County are fill'd with Joy, for the Arrival of the Captives; especially, for the Return of the Reverend and Pious Mr. *John Williams*, to *Dearfield* again, upon *Saturday* the 28th of *December* last: which is esteemed a general Blessing. All Thankfully acknowledge His Excellency's effectual Care of us therein. And a Design is formed for Rebuilding the Town more Commodiously, and regularly Fortifying of it. *Wednesday,*

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the 8th Currant was a Day of Thanksgiving there, to Praise GOD for His great Goodness. The Reverend Mr. *Solomon Stoddard*, and Mr. *William Williams* assisted at the Solemnity, each Preaching a Thanksgiving Sermon, Besides the *Inhabitants of Deerfield*, Sundry Persons of Quality from other Towns were present, helping forward this Religious Exercise.<sup>181</sup>

*Boston; January 17.* Upon appearance of the *Rainbow* seen here Saturday the 28th of *December*, about Nine in the Morning; some hoped it might be a Token, that GOD would not destroy *Dearfield* any more: And the good News from thence confirms that Hope.<sup>182</sup>

**A**ccording to our promise in our last, we shall now proceed to a further account of the Publick Occurrences from *England*, *per Stanton Via New-York*; [here follows foreign news, principally of military operations in Spain and Italy.]

That the Squadron commanded by Monsieur *Deberville* is arrived at *Rochfort* from the *West-Indies* with 6 millions of *Livres* in Specie, but that *Commandore* with *Messieurs Gabaret, Mesnil, Montalambert* and *Riveau* are dead of the *Plague*.

Inwards		From
<i>James Goold</i>	Sloop <i>Hopewell</i>	<i>Pensilvania</i>
Cleared Outward		For
<i>William Webber</i>	Brigt. <i>Dragon</i>	<i>Nevis</i>
Outward Bound		For
<i>John Myles</i>	Ship <i>Unity</i>	<i>Barbadoes</i>

On Saturday the 18th. Currant arrived here from *Piscataqua*, the Flag of Truce that came from *Port-Royall*, with our Prisoners mentioned in our *Numb. 142*.

*Roxbury, Jan. 18.* *James Bayley* Esqr. Physician, Aged Fifty Six Years and Four Months, Dyed here this day, at two a Clock in the Morning.<sup>182</sup>

### Advertisements.

**R**an-away from her Master *Nicholas Jamain* of *New-York Merchant*, the begining of September last, A short thick Indian Girl, named *Grace*, aged about 17 years, her face is full of Pock holes, very few hairs on her Eye-brows, a very flat Nose, and a broad mouth; She speaks English, Dutch and French, the last best. Whosoever shall apprehend and take up the said Servant, and deliver

181 Reprinted from the *News-Letter* in *Notes*, in *The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay*: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 664. See *News-Letter No. 136 ante*.

182 See *Diary of Samuel Sewall*, Vol. II, pp. 178, 179, under dates Saturday morn, Jany 18<sup>th</sup>, Jany 20, Friday, Jany 24, 1707.

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her unto Mr. Andrew Faneuil Merchant in Boston: If taken up in the Provinces of the Massachusetts-Bay and New-Hampshire; if in Connecticut-Colony, to Mr. John Clark at Saybrook; If at Rhode-Island Colony, to Mr. William Barbutt; In Pensilvania to Mr. Benj. Godfrey; In Carolina to Messieurs Guerard and Pacquerau; If in the Province of New-York at Albany to Col. Peter Schuyler; any other part of said Province to her Master Jamain, 3 pounds, shall forthwith be paid to any one that shall deliver the said Indian Woman to any of the persons abovementioned, besides reasonable charges.

**A**ny Person or Persons that has any Sum or Sums of Money to Lend at Interest upon good security either real or personal, may repair unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

[Reprinted: negro woman to be sold, as in January 6; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

**R. E.**

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From **Monday** January 20 to **Monday** January 27 1706.

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**[W**ITH this issue a return is made to the regular two page size. From London, August 29, 1706, is an account of the taking of Alicante in July, and a tabulated list of the 42 vessels in the line of battle of the fleet in the Bay of Torbay, under Sir Cloudesly Shovel. Other foreign news is from Paris, Munster and other cities.]

*New-York, Jan. 15.* On the first Currant Arrived at *New-London* the *Margret Gally*, *Joseph Emmons* Master, from Holland and England bound hither, who came from *England* the 18th of *October* last, with the *Resolution Gally* and the *Brigt. Lawrell* for this Port, the former of which being run down by the *Hallifax Gally*, we fear to be Lost.

On the 12th Instant Capt. *Tongrelow* in the *New-York Galley* having 20 Guns and 150 men, with a Sloop for a Tender, Sailed from hence on Privateering, *Thinhoven*[,] *Atwood*, and *Boudet* for *Curacao*, and *Rolland* for *Jamaica* Sailed with Capt. *Tongrelow*.

On the 13th arrived here *Coddin* in a Sloop from *Rhode-Island*.

Cleared Outward, *Musset* for *Antigua*, and *Bill* for *Jamaica*.

Outward Bound *Dehart* for *Madera*, and *Coddin* for *Rhode Island*.

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*Rhode Island, Jan 23.* Outward Bound are, *John Brown Sloop Elisabeth* for *Barbadoes*, and *Peleg Peckham Sloop Brothers Adveen-ture* for *Antigua*.

*Marblehead, January the 24th.* On the 11th Currant, *John Merrit* Senior of this place went well to Bed that night, and earlie in the morning next day he rose and made water, and went well to Bed again, but Dyed suddenly in Bed by his Wifes side.

*Salem, January the 25th.* The Ship *Pleasure*, *Francis Ellis* Master, bound for *Surranam*, is near *Loaden*; And the Briganteen *Moses*, *Bryan Smith* Master, bound for *Avexo* in *Portugal* is half *Loaden*.

We are informed here of two sudden Deaths lately at *Beverly*, one of which was *Mr. Robert Bradford* taken eating his Victuals, who dyed suddenly, the other a Woman taken at her Spinning Wheel.

<i>Boston,</i>	Cleared Outward	For
<i>John Jenkin</i>	Sloop <i>Mary</i>	<i>Madera</i>
<i>John Pitts</i>	Sloop <i>Rebecca</i>	<i>Antigua</i>
Outward Bound		For
<i>Nathaniel Cary</i>	Sloop <i>Katherin</i>	<i>Fyall</i>

*All the Three Posts arr now in, and set out again on Monday night the 27th Currant.*

**Advertisements.**

**T**o be Sold on reasonable terms for ready Money by *Mr. William Clark* Merchant, at his Store-House upon the Dock in Boston near the Swing-Bridge, Good Barbadoes Rum & Molasses by the Hogshead, Jamaica & Leward Islands fine Sugar, Pimento or all Spice, Cotton-wool and Indigo by smaller or larger Quantities above a quarter of an hundred, the Indigo by smaller parcels.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

**M. E.**

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[**F**ROM the camp of the duke of Marlborough at Helchin, August 30, 1706, is an account of the surrender of the city of Menin; from Hague, August 31, a report of the siege of Dendermonde, and more particulars of the fall of Menin; from Paris, August 30, news from Italy and Spain.]

*Rhode Island, January 31st.* On the 28th. Instant arrived here

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the Briganteen Warren *Joseph Palmer* Master from London, bound for Philadelphia who came out of Portsmouth the 18th of *October* last, in Company with the Briganteen Laurell &c. for New-York.

By His Excellency, *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, in *New-England*. A PROCLAMATION For Proroguing the General Assembly.

**W**HEARAS the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Her Majesty's Province, stands Prorogued unto Wednesday the Twelfth of February next.

**I** Do, with the Advice of Her Majesty's Council, hereby further Prorogue the said Great and General Court or Assembly unto Wednesday the fifth Day of March next ensuing; And the said Great and General Court or Assembly is accordingly Prorogued unto Wednesday the Fifth Day of March next, at Ten a Clock in the Morning of the same Day.

Whereof all the Members of the said Court, and all other Persons Concern'd are to take Notice, and conform themselves accordingly.

And the Sheriffs of the several County's, their Under Sheriffs or Deputies and Constables of the several Towns within the same, are Commanded to cause this Proclamation to be forthwith Published and Posted up within their respective Precincts.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the Thirtyfirst Day of January, 1706 In the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign *Lady Anne*, by the Grace of GOD, of *England, Scotland, France* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith &c.

By Order of His Excellency  
the Governour, &c.  
*Isaac Addington, Secr.*

*J. DUDLEY*

GOD Save the QUEEN.

*Boston*, On Saturday night the 1st Currant arrived here a Sloop in 27 days from *St. Christophers*, *Thomas Ball* Master, who says that there was a Squadron of *French* Men of War arrived at *Martinico* from *France*, and that there was a great many *French* Privateers abroad among the Leeward Islands. And by the said *Ball* we have the following advice from *England* of *October* the 3d. [Here follow several items of foreign news.]

We intend a more particular Account in our next.

	Inward	From
<i>John Lothrop</i>	Sloop Diamond	<i>Martha's Vineyard</i>
Cleared Outward		For
<i>John Wells</i>	Sloop Tryal	<i>Piscataqua</i>
<i>Eleazar Johnson</i>	Brigt. Hopewell	<i>Fiall</i>

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<i>John Rayner</i>	Katch Freek	Ditto
<i>George Phenney</i>	Brigt. Tryal	Ditto
<i>David Adams</i>	Katch Goodhope	South-Carolina
Outward Bound		For
<i>William Hawley</i>	Ship America	London
<i>Nathaniel Cary</i>	Sloop Katherine	Fiall
<i>Lewis Gantet</i>	Brigt. Pearle	Ditto
<i>William Dounten</i>	Sloop Vulture	St. Christophers
<i>Alexand. Duncan</i>	Sloop Friendship	New-York.

**Advertisements.**

**R**AN-away from his Master Capt. *James Pitts* of *Boston*, about a Month agoe, An Indian Young Man, named *Daniel Hump*, aged about 18. years, has on a dark gray Coat, a double breasted Jacket, dark gray Stockings, and a black Hatt; one of his Legs being Sore looks like a Bandy Legg. Whosoever shall apprehend and take up the said Servant and deliver him unto his said Master, or Mr. Barnabas Lothrop at Barnstable; or Capt. Simon Davis at Bristol, or Mr. Augustus Lucas at Rhode-Island, shall be sufficiently rewarded and paid, besides all reasonable cost and charges.

**A**Certain Person about 18 months ago has Lent Clark's Examples, a Book in Folio, which had Sil. Cross wrot upon it in the Blank Leaf: Whosoever has borrowed the said Book, or into whose hands it may come, are desired to return it unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, that the true Owner may have it again.

[Reprinted: boy or boys to be put out to master or masters, as in December 2; runaway Indian girl, as in January 20; loan of money wanted, as in January 20; William Clark, Merchant, as in January 27; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

**R. E.**

**numb. 147.**

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From **Monday** February 3. to **Monday** February 10. 1706.

**NY**

[**T**HE foreign news in this issue is comprised in the paragraphs under the Boston heading at the top of the first column of the first page. The domestic news includes reports of hostile movements of Indians.]

**B**oston, In our Last we promised you a more particular Account of the advice from *England*, *Via St. Christophers, per Ball*, to the

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3d of *October* last. [Here follows a column and a half of news items from various parts of Europe, principally relating to the war in Italy, Spain, Saxony and on the upper Rhine.]

(It is to be remarked here that the Substance of the Advice referring to *Spain*, is to be found in our preceeding Prints, *viz* Numb. 132, 133, 136, 138, 139, 142, 143, 144, 145. And that the above Advice does not enervate that Paragraph in Numb. 132 from *Oporto Septemb.* 24 wherein you have an Account of the Confederates Army's obtaining a Signal Victory over the Duke of *Anjou*'s Army; which you have confirmed in our Numb. 143, in that Paragraph of *New York*, Decem. 31 by the way of *St. Christophers* from *Lisbon*. In our Numb 132 and 133, you have a Summary of the most Remarkable Transactions of *Europe* for the Month of *July*. In our Numb. 136. you have a Summary of the Principal Transactions of *Europe* for the Month of *August* to the middle of *September*. And this present above Account, with what is in our Numb. 143 and 144. Contains the Summary Account of the State of Affairs in *Europe*, to the middle of *October* last.)

We have also the following Advice *per Ball*, That the Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships from *Lisbon* that arrived at *St. Christophers*, under the Command of Sir *John Jennings*, has brought to the Leeward-Islands about 60 piece of Cannon taken from the *French* at *Barcelona*, with Carriages, &c. fit to Mount them, Powder and other Stores. That the Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships waits at *St. Christophers* for some others that are to joyn them, and then they are to proceed to *Porto-Rico*, where they are to open their Orders. A Packet arrived at *Nevis* from *Martinico*, demanding the Money from that Island which the *French* when they Insulted it in *March* last had extorted by a second Agreement in *April* following, from some of the Inhabitants contrary to the first Articles of Capitulation (which you have in our Numb. 109. and in our Numb. 139 from *England*) unto which Demand the General told them that they should have none. The said Packet in her return from *Nevis* to *Martinico* stopt at *Guardelupa*, and took in above 20 Bales of *English* Goods and a considerable quantity of *East-India* Goods and 30 more hands, and in coming out thence a *Dutch* Privateer met her, who took her and brought her in to *Nevis*, and staid there 3 or 4 days, & Sailed thence with his rich Prize to *Curacao*. Mr. *Ball* having touched at *Anguila* while he was there, a Sloop from *Barbadoes* came in, who told him that the said Island was alarmed at the sight of a Fleet, which they apprehended to be the Transports that was bound for the Leeward Islands.

On Fryday Night His Excellency received an Express from *Groton*, that a Party of ours having been sent out several days before to range the Woods, had made a discovery of the Enemy about 40 miles off

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that place: Whereupon His Excellency forthwith ordered a Reinforcement of those Parts, and other the Frontiers, and expressed the Intelligence thereof to the Chief Military Officers within the several Counties of *Middlesex*, *Essex*, the Provinces of *New-Hampshire* and *Main*, with Orders to be upon their Guard, and in readiness to repel the Enemy wheresoever they might happen to fall.

*Josiah Minot*, Commander of the Ship *Samuel* bound for *London* having got a good number of his hands, designs to Sail about a fortnight hence.

A Sloop from *Holland* designing to touch at *New-Castle*, intends to Sail from hence about 3 weeks time.

Hitherto we have had here an extraordinary moderate Winter, not above 3 or 4 days very cold, only it has been checkered Weather, sometimes freezing then thawing, then Snow and Rain, Thunder and Lightning and Hail, neither of which continued long at a time.

Inward		From
<i>Thomas Ball</i>	Sloop Elizabeth	S. Christophers
Cleared Outward		For
<i>Thomas Lothrop</i>	Sloop Diamond	Nantucket
<i>John Robinson</i>	Brigt. Lark	Antigua
<i>Lewis Gentet</i>	Brigt. Pearle	Tersera
Outward Bound		For
<i>James Goold</i>	Sloop Hopewell	Pensilvania
<i>William Waters</i>	Sloop Hannah	Rhd-Island, &c.
<i>John Sunderland</i>	Ship Jer & Ann	Barbadoes

*Smiths River Virginia, Decemb. 8.* On the 14th of *November* last, arrived here the Brigt. *Sarah*, *James Bowdoin* Master, in ten days from *Rhode-Island*; as also the Sloop *Seiflower*, *Stephen Eastwick* Master; the former Loading Tobacco for *England*, designing to Sail about the latter end of *February*, and the Sloop bound for *Jamaica* to Sail about the same time. We have no Vessels arriving here since our Fleet went for *England*, but are in daily expectation of a Fleet from thence, with a new Gouvernour.

*New-York, Jan. 29.* The Margret Gally, *Joseph Emmons* Master, is not yet arrived from *New-London*. We have not a word of News here, but so mild a Winter was never known, all this Month except a day or two has been more like *March* or *April* than *January*.

*New-London, Febr. 3d.* Our Frontier Towns on the Western part of this Colony have been lately alarmed, with apprehensions of danger from some of the Indians that are on the back of these Towns; which has caused our Gouvernour to take this day a Journey to *Hartford* in order to Reinforce the Frontiers to expel the Enemy where

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they might chance to fall on.<sup>183</sup> Mr. *Emmons* in the *Margret Gally* Sailed from hence for *New-York* the 18th of the last Month.

*Bristol*, Feb. 7. One *Thomas* in a *Brigantien* designs to Sail in a week for *Surranam*.

*Rhode-Island*, Feb. 7. *James Coden* in a *Sloop* is arrived here from *New-York*. The *Brigantien* bound for *England* whereof *Hatch* is Master, will Sail in ten days.

~~✓~~ All the Three Posts are now in, the Eastern and Southern to go out on Monday night the 10th *Currant*, in order to return on Saturday next; and the Western Post to set out then also, in order to return on Saturday the 22d Instant and then to set out on the Monday following the 24th *Currant*, to go and come once a week as the other Posts do.

**Advertisements.**

*Bristol*, ss. Jan. 21st. 1706.

Whereas John Foster an Irish man was Apprehended by a Warrant from John Brown Esq. bearing date the 13th. day of October 1706. Upon Suspicion of Stealing a Silver Tankard, found in his Possession; and by virtue of said Warrant brought before Coll. Nathanael Byfield Esq. One of Her Majesties Justices for the County of Bristol, was by him Committed to Her Majesties Goal in Bristol in the County aforesaid, for that he could not give a good account how he came by the said Tankard, and a certain Horse, Bridle and Sadle found in his Possession; Who made his escape by breaking Her Majesties Goal, and upon his being Taken, was put into Irons, and by the Sheriff of the said County put into the Said Goal the Second time, notwithstanding which he hath again broken said Goal, and made his Escape, and cannot be heard of as yet.

To the End therefore the said Tankard, Horse, Bridle and Sadle, now in the Custody of the said Coll. Byfield, may be restored to the Right owners. It is hereby Declared, That whoever can make a Lawful Claim thereto, or to any part of the said Goods above mentioned, paying necessary Charges for the keeping said Horse &c. may have their Goods again.

The said Horse is a pretty large Bright Bay Gelding, having a Brand on his near Buttock of this form d; whitish belly and Leggs, with a white Blaze in his Face, some white hair on his Weathers, and at the Root of his Tayle, and judged to be about Seven years old, but no Ear mark.

The Silver Tankard is old Sodered in some places, large, and markt

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183 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 679, detailing the campaign in the Connecticut Valley.

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with the Gold-smiths mark I. D. Weighing Thirty Ounces.

*By Order of Her Majesties Justices*

John Cary Clark.

Printed for and Sold by Nicholas Boone near School-House-Lane  
in Boston.

**A** Token for Mourners: Or, the Advice of Christ to a Distressed Mother, bewailing the Death of her dear and only Son. Wherein the Boundaries of Sorrow are duly fixed, Excuses Restrained, the common pleas answered, and divers Rules for the support of Gods Afflicted Ones prescribed. By John Flavel, Preacher of the Gospel of Christ at Dartmouth in Devon.

**N**ow in the Press and will speedily be Published: A Disquisition concerning the State of the Souls of men (Especially the Souls of Good men) when Separated from their Bodies; in which some late very Remarkable Providences relating to Apparitions are Considered.

By Increase Mather, D. D.

**T**here is a Couple of very good new Dwelling-Houses with other Accommodations near the middle of Boston to be disposed of on very reasonable terms: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: servant ran away from Capt. James Pitts, as in February 3; loan of money wanted, as in January 20; negro woman to be sold, as in January 6; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17. 1706.]

R. E.

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**[F**ROM the camp before Turin, August 28, 1706, incidents of the siege of that city are reported; from Hague, August 31, a report of the discussion over the election of a new bishop of Munster, and from the camp before Menin, August 26, a list of the "wounded and slain."]

*Situate, Feb. 10th.* Yesterday morning between seven and eight a Clock, an awful Providence fell out here, *Thomas Lappans's* Barn of this Town was set on fire by Lightning, and burnt down, in which there was about 24 Head of Cattle and two Horses, which were all kill'd.

*Ipswich, Febr. 15th.* *George Jaffrey* Esqr. Of Her Majesties Council

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for the Province of *New-Hampshire*, came hither from *Boston* on *Monday* the 3d. Currant bound homeward for *Piscataqua*, and was taken Sick here, so could proceed no further; he Dyed on *Thursday* the 13th Instant, very much Lamented of all that knew him, being a Gentleman of a Publick Spirit, and is to be Interred on *Monday* the 17th currant.

*Boston*, on *Wednesday* last the 12th Currant, Colonel *Hilton*, Commander of our Forces, sent forth on an Expedition to the *Eastward*, attended his Excellency, and acquainted him of his proceeding, being obstructed in his March as designed for want of Ice; and that in their return betwixt *Casco Bay* and *Wells*, they discovered a Track which they followed until they came to a Wigwam, wherein were two Indian Men of the *Eastern Rebels*, *viz.* one called *Capt. Sam*, the other *Alexander*, both known Notorious Rogues, with two Squaw's and two Children, the two men and one of the Squaws were kill'd, the other Squaw and two Children they took Prisoners. There was another young Fellow that belonged to the Wigwam who was not within it, that took to his Heels upon seeing our people, and they ran after him for two days, at last they came up with one of the Two Doggs he had with him and kill'd it, the other Dogg they heard squeel in the night, and our people supposed he also kill'd that for fear of discovering him; in our peoples pursuing him he threw away his Blanket, Breeches and Powder Horn, to further his flight; and that night a Snow falling, and being stark naked, 'tis judg'd he could not live.<sup>184</sup>

**H**IS Excellency by his Proclamation of the 31st of January past, Emitted in our News Letter Numb 146 having Prorogued the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province, unto Wednesday the fifth of March next, has Resolved that the General Assembly come together and Sit on the Fifth of March next, according to his said Proclamation

Inwards		From
<i>Jacob Parker</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
<i>Benj. Flood</i>	Sloop Benjamin	Ditto
Cleared Outward		For
<i>Joseph Giddins</i>	Sloop Eunice	Piscataqua
<i>William Walters</i>	Sloop Hannah Ruth	Rhode-Island
<i>Alexand. Duncan</i>	Sloop Friendship	New-York
<i>Joseph Fabian</i>	Brigt. Abigail	Surranam

184 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 674, in connection with an account of this expedition.

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<i>Rich. Metcalfe</i>	Ship Francis & Eliz.	Barbadoes
<i>Daniel Wyborn</i>	Ship Robert	Ditto
Outward Bound		For
<i>John Sunderland</i>	Ship Jer. & Ann	Barbadoes
<i>Thomas Ball</i>	Sloop Elizabeth	England

**Advertisements.**

**S**olen on Tuesday night last the 11th Currant out of the House of Mrs. *Johanna Buckly* in the North End of *Boston* Widow, The following parcel of Silver Plate, *viz.* A large Tankard with a Coat of Arms, Two Bowles the one Scollopt, the other plain; One Salver with a Foot to it; A small Cup with two handles; Four Gold B.

Rings, and having this I. I Markt on them: Two long Salts, and one Cup, and another wrought Cup Markt with I. B. and one large Porringer B.

markt I. I. with the Workmans mark I. G. And with the following mark of the Workman's E. W. Two large Dishes, one Mustard Box. And with the Workmans mark I. C. one Peppar Box, a large Porringer S. S.

markt R. E. one Spoon markt R. S. one Ditto R. K. and one Silver Pot with a cover that holds near a Wine quart wash'd with Gold, wrought all over, markt R. N. Whosoever shall give any true Intelligence of the above Plate, unto the above-said Owner, so as that she may have them again, shall have Ten Pounds Reward. If all or any of them be offered to be Sold or Pawned, you are hereby desired to stop the same, and the person that has it, and give notice as above-said.

**A**ny Person or Persons that wants to Borrow Money at Interest giving good Security; May repair unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

**A**ny Person or Persons that has a Negro Man Slave or Slaves to Sell, or to be Transported to Virginia for a Market, may repair to John Campbell Post-master of Boston, where they may know further: Those to be Transported shall have their Passage free for their Labour thither.

**A** Set of Halberts to be Sold on reasonable Terms: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

**T**He one half of a Sloop call'd the Two Friends, burthen about 60 Tuns lying at Mr. David Farnum's Wharf in the North-End of the Town of Boston, to be Sold on reasonable Terms. Inquire of Mr. Edward Martin Merchant of said Town and know further.

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**[N**EWSS of the defeat of the French army at Turin, September 7, 1706, is the feature of this issue. It is contained in dispatches from Turin and Hague, under September dates, and in letters to the States-General from Prince William of Saxe-Gotha, the duke of Savoy, and Prince Eugene of Savoy. Then follows the editorial paragraph of reference.]

(For a more particular Account of the Battle at the raising of the Seige of *Turin*, and of the Signal Intire Victory obtained by His Royal High[h]ness the Duke of Savoy and Prince *Eugene* over the *French* in Italy, we refer you to our Numb 136 where we gave you the first Account of it; and a yet more particular account you have in our Numb. 143. in that Paragraph from *New-York, December 31.* And that other Paragraph from *New-London* of Jan. 7. And in our Numb. 144 Which we were not willing to repeat here, since the Account is in those so full already.)

*New-York, Febr. 11.* Mr. *Stanton* Sails this week or the next for *Nevis*. Mr. *Emmons* from *England* but last from *New-London* is arrived here, and 'tis said he is bound North about for *England*, and to Sail in *April* next. Outward Bound are *Adolph* for *Boston*, *Gravenraedt* for *Pensilvania*, *Braddick* for *Virginia* and *Patience* for *London*. No Vessels arrived nor any manner of News.

*Rhode-Island, Feb. 21.* The Briganteen from *Virginia* Bound for *England* that put in here to refit, whereof *Hatch* is Master, Sailed this week.

*Boston, February 22. 1706.*

**W**Hereas on Tuesday night the Eleventh of February Currant, there was Stol'n out of the House of Mrs Joanna Buckley Widow, Situate at the North-End of Boston, several pieces of wrought Plate and Gold Rings, Household Linnen, &c. The Linnen &c. being since found in a remote Out-house; but the Plate and Rings, of considerable value, are still wanting.

And it being reasonably suppos'd, That divers Persons are Confederate in the said Theft, either by joyning in the actual commission

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*of the Fact, or as accessaries, in knowing or concealing of the same, or in receiving the Goods Stol'n.*

*His Excellency is pleased to Promise Her Majesty's Gracious Pardon to any person or persons concerned in the said Theft (except the principal and immediate Actor of the same) who shall discover the person or persons that committed the said Theft, so as he or they may be Convicted thereof.*

*By His Excellency's Command,*

Isaac Addington, Secr.

*And as a further Encouragement towards such Discovery, whoever can and shall discover the person or persons that committed the said Theft, so that he or they may be convicted thereof; Although such discoverers have themselves been so concern'd (in knowing or concealing thereof, or in receiving of any of the things Stol'n) whereby they would become chargeable in the Law.*

*The said Joanna Buckly doth promise, not only to forbear any prosecution against them; but also to Reward them with the Sum of Ten Pounds.*

	Cleared Outward	For
James Webber	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
Joseph Everton	Brigt. Elizabeth	Barbadoes
John Stevens	Ship Eliz. & Mary	Ditto
William Cooke	Brigt. John & James	Montserrat
	Outward Bound	For
James Goold	Sloop Hopewell	Pensilvania
Eleazar Darby	Sloop Elizabeth	Ditto
Eben. Wentworth	Success Gally	Virginia
William Wyar	Brigt. Endeavour	Ditto

*✓ All the Three Posts are now in: The Southern and Western to Set out on Monday Night the 24 Currant at 5 a Clock; and the Eastern Post at 7. All to return on the Saturday following.*

## Advertisements.

**T**Here is lately Arrived from *Holland*, a Parcel of very good Cordage from a Spun-yarn to Cables of Eight Inches: To be Sold by Mr. Benjamin Faneuil Merchant near the Slip in *New-York*; where other Stores for Shipping may also be Bought on reasonable Terms.

**R**An away the Last Spring from her Master John Otis Esqr. of Barnstable, in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, an Indian Girl named Hannah Wapuck, aged about 20 years, middle sized, full fac'd, a comely Countenance, she speaks good English, not very perfect of the Indian Language; had on English Apparrel: Whosoever shall apprehend and take up the said Servant,



for me for

Augt 20<sup>th</sup> 1783

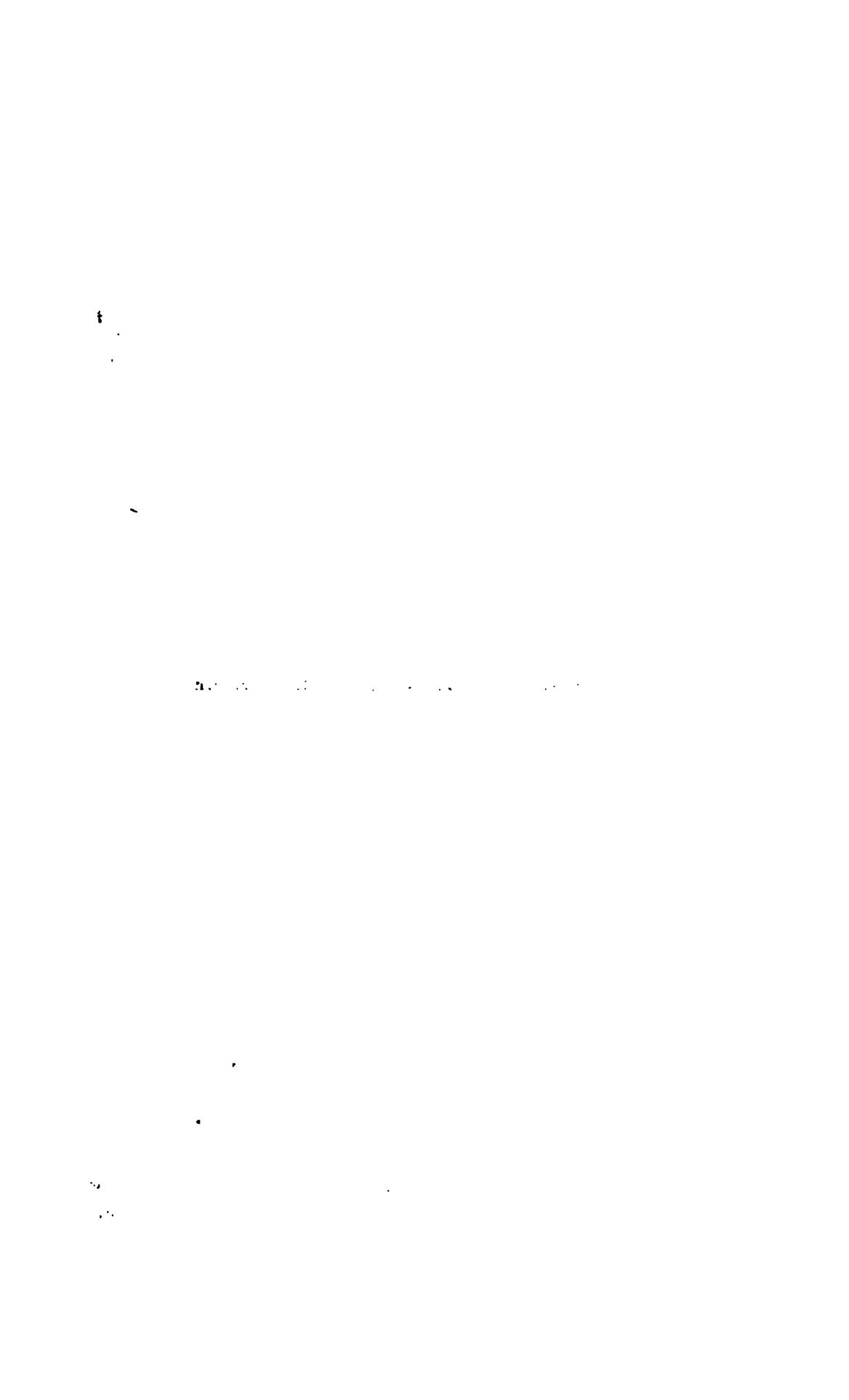
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to you to be depend on the date of the  
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ragement for the support of it, as they have  
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doubt not in the view of your Ad. Calm  
some time, and with sensible forbearance

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Given by R. W.  
Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1783

Your best and fondest  
affection

J. C. C.



AUTOGRAPH LETTER OF JOHN CAMERON

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and deliver her to her said Master, or give any true Intelligence of her unto John Campbell Post. master of Boston, or unto her said Master, so as that he may have her again, shall be sufficiently rewarded, besides all reasonable Costs and Charges paid.

**L**OST at Boston about the latter end of November last, A Manuscript of about 18 Sheets of Paper, written on one side of the Paper, Entituled, An Essay for the Improvement of Trade in New-England, it was rowled up together, and tyed about with a Twine Thred: Whosoever can give any true Intelligence thereof to John Campbell, Post-master of Boston, so as that the true Owner may have it again, shall be well rewarded.

[Reprinted: theft of Mrs. Joanna Buckley's silver, and set of halberts to be sold, as in February 17; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

**R. E.**

**Rumb. 150.**

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**[N**EARLY all the first page of this issue is filled with "the RELATION of the Battle fought the 7th of September, 1706. before Turin; and of the Relief of that City, brought to their High Mightinesses by the Baron de Hohendorff, Aid d' Camp General to Prince Eugene of Savoy, sent Express by His Royal Highness the Duke of Savoy, and by His Highness Prince Eugene." Other news of the campaigns on the continent is from Audenarde, September 6, Vienna, September 8, and Turin, September 14. A dispatch from Versailles, September 14, gives an account of the reception of the news of the reverses of the French forces in Italy.]

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*Rhode-Island, Febr. 28th.* There is a Sloop arrived here from *Barmudas*, by whom we are informed, That Capt. *Ellery* from hence was safe arrived at *Barbadoes*, having 16 days passage; and that the latter end of *December* there was a Packet from *England* arrived at *Barbadoes*, but knows not what News she brought. Three Sloops bound for *Boston* touch't in here, *Gillam & Blin* from *Connecticut*, & another Sloop from *Pensilvania*. *Palmer* from *England* that put in here bound for *Philadelphia* is Sayled.

*Boston*, The General Assembly of this Province are to Meet and Sit here on *Wednesday* the 5th Currant, according to His Excellency's Proclamation for Proroguing of them to the said Day.

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By Letters from Virginia *via* Philadelphia and Rhode-Island of Decemb 27. We are acquainted, That *Henry Lowder* in the Ship *Thomas* and *Sarah* from hence was arrived there; as also *Samuel Long*, in the Brigt. *Swan*, the former of which designed to Sail for England in two Months.

Inwards		From
<i>John Wells</i>	Sloop Tryal	Piscataqua
<i>Samuel Wenckley</i>	Sloop Sarah & Hannah	Virginia
Cleared Outward		For
<i>Eleazar Darby</i>	Sloop Elizabeth	Pensilvania
<i>Nath Loring</i>	Sloop Dolphin	Connecticut
<i>John Hedge</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
<i>David Northy</i>	Brigt. Friendship	N. Carolina
<i>William Card</i>	Sloop Katherine	Fiall
Outward Bound		For
<i>David Bucklin</i>	Brigt. Tryal	Barbadoes
<i>Joseph Thorn</i>	Sloop Hawke	Surranam
<i>James Loring</i>	Sloop Sea-horse	Virginia
<i>Samuel Edwards</i>	Seymour Galley	Ditto

**Advertisements**

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[**F**ROM Turin, September 15, 1706, are reports of the movements of the armies of Prince Eugene and the duke of Savoy, and from Paris, September 18, a French account of the raising of the siege of Turin and the defeat of the duke of Orleans there. From Hague is a report of the invasion of Saxony by the King of Sweden.]

✓ *New-York, Feb 24.* Last Week a Whale about 40 foot long was struck a few miles to the Eastward of this City, and afterwards passed thro' the Harbour and was kill'd in *Hudsons-River*, and brought down hither, where she is exposed to view. We have no Vessels arrived here since my last, nor any News. This City at present is very healthful praised be God. Outward Bound, besides those mentioned in my Last (Numb 149) are *Wright* for *London*, *Emmons* for *Holland*, and *Basset* for *Curacao*.

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*James River Virginia, Feb 28.* There was 3 Vessels of our last Fleet for *England* lost in a Storm they met with a few days after they put to Sea, 6 or 7 more of the said Fleet put in again to refit, who were disabled by the said Storm.

The Brigt. *Sarah of Boston*, *James Bowdoin* Master put to Sea 2 days ago bound for *England*, and was put back again; but this day he Sail'd again on his intended Voyage with a fair Wind.

The Sloop *Seaflower*, *Stephen Eastwick* Master, Sailed the same day for *Jamaica*.

*Rhode Island, March 7* There is arrived here from *Barbadoes*, *Antigua* & *New Providence* the Brigt. *Mary, Benj Elery* Master, from the last place in 10 days, and says that there was 12 Sail of Men of War arrived at *Barbadoes*, under the Command of Rear Admiral *Kerr*, that Sailed from thence before he came from that Island, but where bound he could not tell. Outward bound are *Balagy, Sherman* & *Renoufe* in 3 Sloops for *Barbadoes*, & *Ryder* for *Boston*

*Boston*, On *Thursday* the 6th Currant, By an Express from Col. *Hilton*, his Excellency received an Account of the Success of the Forces lately sent into the Eastern parts, *viz* That on *Tuesday* the 4th Instant, about one a Clock in the morning, the Colonel with a Detachment of the Forces under his Command, fell upon a party of the Indian Rebels, being nineteen in number, at a place call'd *Cox's Head* within *Kennebeck River*, whereof nine were men, most of them infamously noted for their bloody Villanies, *Mamouson, alias Pemaquid Tom*, being one of the Company; The rest were Squaws & smaller Indians.

Eighteen were kill'd on the spot, a Boy about eight years old was saved alive.

Through the Favour of Almighty God, not one of ours was kill'd or wounded; Only in the Action, the Squaw lately taken by Col. *Hilton* in his former Expidition, unhappily received a Wound from one of our men by mistake.

This Accident is very much Lamented, for that the Squaw had been very serviceable in making known the places of the Indians Residence: She is sent to *Piscataqua* for Cure; and is in a hopeful way of Recovery.

Col. *Hilton* was again Embarking the Forces on the Transports to go in further quest of the Enemy, Resolving to range the parts all the Shoar along. Our Forces were all in good health, and animated with their Success further to pursue the Enemy.<sup>185</sup>

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185 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 675, in connection with account of Colonel Hilton's expedition. See also Journal of the Reverend John Pike, in Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1875-1876, p. 145, under date Mar. 3, 1707.

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The General Assembly of this Province met here on *Wednesday* last.

By Letters from *Barbadoes* of *Decemb.* 19. We are advised of the arrival of *Berry & Blague* there from *Boston*, both bound for *Salter-tuda*, of *Jonaihan Harts* being taken and re-taken, and Carried in to *Barbadoes*.

The Last Year in our Numb. 100 We offered unto the Publick, a *Bill of Motality*, for the Town of *Boston*. The Number of those who died in the year 1705 (not including those who dy'd abroad, which among so many Seafaring people, as belong to this Town, must be more than a few) amounted unto 282. of which the *Negro's* made 44.

The Year 1706 has been thro' the Favour of God a year of great Health in the Town.

But the *Bill of Mortality* this exhibits the number of the Decased.

<i>March</i>	9	<i>July</i>	21	<i>November</i>	15	62
<i>April</i>	12	<i>August</i>	30	<i>December</i>	20	96
<i>May</i>	20	<i>September</i>	19	<i>January</i>	10	58
<i>June</i>	21	<i>October</i>	26	<i>February</i>	13	—
	62		96		58	<i>Negro's</i> 45
					—	216
					—	261

We are able now to Remark more particularly than we did in our former Bills; That among the Deceased in this account, the number of *Children* amounted unto 125. It is much for so populous a Town, to bury no more of its Inhabitants. The Survivors of any Consideration will understand how to make their profitable *Reflections* both *Political* and *Religious* upon a Bill of this Importance laid before them.

✓ ~~186~~ John Kenny Aged about 13 years, Son to Margret Kenny of Boston, Widow, being in very great torment & pain with the Stone, his Mother and Friends almost despairing of any Cure for him; at last hearing of Mr. Zabdiel Boylston<sup>186</sup> of this Town, Chyrurgeon, they made their application to him, who on the 5th of November last in the sight of several Physicians, Chirurgeons, and Persons of Note, performed the Operation very accurately and well, to the good liking of the Beholders: The Stone was a soft spungy Stone of the bigness of an Egg, and

186 The eminent Boston physician, b. 1680, d. 1766, who first introduced the practice of inoculation into America in 1721, at the risk of his professional reputation and of his life, first inoculating his own son. Afterward fellow of the Royal Society of London, before which body he read An Historical Account of the Small-Pox Inoculation in New England on All Sorts of Persons, which was published in London in 1726 and in Boston in 1730. Copies of this pamphlet, now rare, are in the Boston Public Library.

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*broke in the taking out, but the young Lad is now and has been for above 2 months in perfect health, and holds his water. This at the desire of the Lads Friends, we thought fit to acquaint the Publick of, in case any person should be troubled with the like Distemper.*

**T**HIS is to give Notice to all Seamen and Marines that have Deserted Her Majesty's Ship Deptford any time since her being in New-England, if they will return to the said Ship between this 10th of March and the 10th of April next, they shall be forgiven and be intituled to their Pay. And Note, whoever will take up any men belonging to the said Ship, and bring them to Boston, shall receive Three Pounds for each man, from me.

C. Stucley. Capt.

Inward		From
<i>Cartaret Gillam</i>	Sloop Tryal	Connecticut
<i>James Blin</i>	Sloop [Blank]	Ditto
<i>Thomas Lanyon</i>	Sloop Return	Virginia
Cleared Outward		For
<i>James Gold</i>	Sloop Hopewell	Pensilvania
<i>John Lothrop</i>	Sloop Charles	Connecticut
<i>Beamsly Perkins</i>	Ship Blessing	Antigua
<i>John Sharp</i>	Ship St. Antonio	Ditto
<i>William Wyer</i>	Brigt. Endeavour	Virginia
<i>William Dounten</i>	Sloop Vulture	St. Christo.
<i>Matthew Wilson</i>	Ship Mary	Jamaica
<i>John Myles</i>	Ship Unity	Barbadoes
<i>Thomas Masters</i>	Ship Cumberland	Ditto
<i>David Bucklin</i>	Brigt. Tryal	Ditto
<i>Joseph Thorn</i>	Sloop Hawk	Surranam
Outward Bound		For
<i>Thomas Lasenbey</i>	Brigt. Dophin	Whitehaven
<i>John Welch</i>	Brigt. Dolphin	Virginia
<i>John Price</i>	Brigt. Wil. & Mary	Newfoun.

The Ship *David* and *Joseph* of considerable Force, Capt. *James Pitts* Commander, designs to Sail for *London* again the middle of *April* next. And the Briganteen for *Whitehaven* in three weeks time.

**Advertisement.**

**R**An-away from his Master *Samuel Lyndes* of *Boston* Esqr. the 26th of Febr. last, a Negro Man aged about 20 years, short Stature, bandy leg'd having on a light coloured gray cloth Coat, a leather Jacket and Breeches, a pair of yarn Stockings; he speaks good English: Whosoever shall apprehend and take up the said Negro, and deliver him to his said Master, or give any true Intelligence

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of him, so as his Master may have him again, shall have a sufficient reward, besides all reasonable Charges paid.

A. E.

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[ADDITIONAL details concerning the defeat of the French in Italy, including the raising of the siege of Turin and the surrender of Chivas, are contained in dispatches from Hague, the duke of Orleans' camp at Oulx, and the camp at Cezano, near Milan, all of September, 1706, dates.]

New-York, March 10 Alexander Duncan is arrived here from Boston and Coddin from Rhode-Island.

Mr. Palmer in the Briganteen from London bound for Philadelphia that put in to Rhode-Island, has been several days in the Sound at Whitestone. We daily expect the Briganteen Laurell from England, that came out in Company with Emmons and Palmer.

No Vessels arrived here from any place but the abovementioned, though we expect several from Jamaica, Antigua, Curacoa and Carolina.

On Satturday last the Hon. Col. Evans Lieut. Governour of Pennsylvania, and several Gentlemen came to this City.

His Excellency the Lord Cornbury goes next week for his Lordships other Government of New Jersey.

Mr. Emmons will certainly Sail about the middle of April next North about for England.

Adolph and Duncan Sails this week for Boston.

Outward bound are the Brigt. Eagle for Barbadoes, Phenix and Keirsteed for Connecticut.

Kenelworth, March 11. On the 5th Currant Dyed here, after six days Sickness, of a putrid Feaver, in the 62 year of his Age, the Worthy and very Reverend Mr. Abraham Pierson Minister of the Gospel in this Town, & Rector of the Collegiate School in Connecticut;<sup>187</sup> Unto the just and great grief of all that knew him; being a Person

187 One of the founders of the Collegiate School, from which sprung Yale College, and the first rector of the institution, instructing the students in his house in Killingworth.

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of such eminent Piety, Learning, Prudence, Industry and Faithfulness, as every way rendered him very Amiable & justly Honourable to his Acquaintance; and eminently Exemplary to all his Observers.

*Piscataqua, March 13.* We are in daily expectation of hearing from the Forces to the Eastward that are gone in Quest of the Indian Enemy, and hope they have met with another party of them.<sup>188</sup>

*Rhode Island, March 14.* We have no Vessels in or out this week, but *Waters* from *Boston*, who is gone for *Connecticut* and so no News.

*Boston,* We have no Vessels arrived here this week, but are daily in expectation of several from *England*, *Portugal* and from several parts of the *West-Indies*.

Cleared Outward	For
<i>Nath. Presbuuy</i>	Sloop Adventure
<i>Benj. Flood</i>	Sloop Benj & Mary
<i>Anthony Bracket</i>	Sloop Katherine
<i>Thomas Ball</i>	Sloop Elizabeth
<i>John Welch</i>	Brigt. Dolphin
<i>Samuel Edwards</i>	Seymour Galley
<i>James Loring</i>	Sloop Seaflower

[Here is reprinted, as in March 19, the notice of Captain Stuckley.]

*T*hese are to give Notice, That by Virtue of a Direction in the Act for Encouraging a Post-Office in this Province: The Post-master of Boston does send out every Two days after that the Post comes in, and after the Receipt of Foreign Letters by Sea; All such Letters and Packets that remain in the Office uncall'd for; And if the Person they are directed to, cannot be found, or that the Letters and Pacquets are for any Persons in the Neighbouring Towns out of the Post Road; Then the Names of the said Persons are every day to be seen on a fair Alphabetical List for the Surname, with the name of the Town they live in: If they are for the Town of Boston, then no Town added. So that all Persons may know without Enquiring, when they have any Letters in the Office, excepting as above-said, when the Post comes in, or at the Arrival of Vessels.

**Advertisements.**

[Reprinted: runaway servant of Nicholas Jamain, as in January 20; dwelling houses for sale, as in February 10; set of halberts for sale, as in February 17; manuscript lost, cordage for sale by Benjamin Faneuil, and runaway servant of John Otis, as in February 24; run-

188 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 675, in connection with account of Colonel Hilton's expedition.

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away servant of Samuel Lyndes, as in March 10; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

N. E.

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NY

[TWO editorial notes beginning the first column of the first page of this number are introductory to a column of foreign news items. Then follows the domestic news beginning with the Charlestown, S. C. date.]

*In our Numb. 147. We gave you the last Summary Account of the State of Affairs in Europe, to the middle of October last; And in this we proceed to give you the like Summary Account to the 12th of November last.*

 *N Tuesday the 18th Currant arrived here the Sloop Two Brothers, Jeffrey Bedgood Master, about 20 days passage from South Carolina, by whom we have the following Advice from London of November the 12th. per the King William Packet Boat Via Barbadoes.*

*Charlstown, South-Carolina, Febr. 22 On the 14th of November last, the Littleton Galley John Lowther Master, was lost upon this Coast bound from Jamaica to London, all the men were saved and came on Shoar in their Boat, and left the Ship so Leaky and full of water, that they could not clear her.*

*There is arrived here the Prosperous Gally from Biddiford, Charles Simmonds Master, and from Kingsail the 6th of December last, where he see Capt. Eason, Martin and Cawly, but can give no Account of the rest of the New-England Fleet.*

*Yesterday arrived one Burton in 3 weeks from Jamaica, who went from Montserrat in Company with three of Sir John Jennings Squadron bound for Carthageen, to Convoy home the Spanish Fleet. The Admiral with 14 Sail more Sailed from Jamaica the 16th of the last Month, and expected Sir William Jumper with 10 Sail more to joyn him.*

*Burton says there was three Ships and one Sloop from New-England arrived at Jamaica, but know not their names, one of the Ships was new.*

*Kingsail, Decemb. 6. On the 24th of November arrived here the Mast Ship, New-Hampshire, Robert Eason Master, bound for England, who left New-England the 24th of October in Company with several*

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other Vessels under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the *Dover*, Capt. *Mathews* Commander, who met with a great Storm two days after they came out, wherein they lost Company with most of the Fleet, and fell in with the Bay of *Fundy*. On the 30th of *October* the Ship *Swallow*, *John Alden* Master, struck upon a Whales Back and sprung a Leak, had 8 foot water in his Hold, the Sea running high, the men got on board the Ship *William* and *Hannah*, *David Mason* Master, nothing was saved but the mens Cloathing and Bedding. The 5th of *November* the Ship *Olive Branch*, *Thomas Letheret* Master, and a *Pink*, one *Pitts* Master, fell in with a *French* Privateer of 30 Guns. *Letheret* was within a Cables length of him, being Chased 8 hours and received several small Shot, and narrowly escapt being taken, he fears *Pitts* in the *Pink* was taken by him, the Privateer had a Jury Main and Top-Mast, but Sailed very well. Capt. *Eason* took a *French* Bunker who had on board 5000 Core Fish and Salt, which was Ransomed for a thousand Livres, and has an Hostage on board for payment. The 19th of *November* Capt. *Eason* lost Company of the *Thenet*, *Cawley*, *Mason*, and *Letheret* in a great Storm they met with, which damnified both *Eason* and *Cawley* very much. *Letheret* in the *Olive Branch* is arrived at *Cork*, and *Cawly* here.

By part of the *Virginia* Fleet arrived here, we are acquainted, that 14 Sail of them was foundred, and feared many more. Vessels from all parts has suffered much. The Trade to *Bilboa* is not yet opened.

*London, January. 7th* Several Vessels from *New-England* are arrived at several places, *viz* Capt. *Dudley*, *Fosdick*, and *Sears* at *London*, Her Majesties Ship the *Dover*, at the *Downs*; *Holberton*, *Pitcher*, *Lock* and *Pimer*, at *Plimouth*; *Mason*, *Whitehorn* & *Kingston* at *Falmouth*; *Hill* & *Miller* at *Silly*; *Hawksworth* and *Babbage* at *Dartmouth*; *Eason* at *Kingsail*; *Letheret* & *Simes* at *Cork*; *Watts* at *Kilmore*; *Jeffers* and *Grant* in *Ireland*, who lost their Masts in a Storm. 'Tis feared that *Martin* in the *Thenet*, and *Pitts* in a *Brigantine* are both taken. The *New-York* Merchant from *New-York* arrived at *Kingsail* the 16th of *November*. 'Tis said that 22 Sail of the *Virginia* Fleet bound for *England* are foundred at Sea.

*Barbadoes, Febr. 10.* The 7th Instant arrived here a Packet from *England*, 3 weeks passage, who say that the French King is endeavouring to make a separate Peace with the *Dutch*, That 20 Sail of French Men of War from *Brest* were bound to the *West-Indies*. That about the Wine Islands he fell in with a French Fleet of 17 Sail, and a Flag standing the same Course that he did. That Sir *Bevil Granvill* dyed at Sea in going for *England*. And that Mr. *Crow* is coming Governour for this island.

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*A Summary of the Principal Occurrences of Europe, from the 12th of November to the 7th of January last from London per the Packet-Boat Via Barbadoes and Rhoad-Island, is as follows.*

[Here follows nearly a column of short items of foreign news, ending with the announcement, "We will give you a further Account in our next."]

*Somerset County Maryland, Febr. 16.* An Order is come here from *England* to Embargo all Vessels bound there till *September* next.

*New-York, March 17.* On the 13th Currant arrived *Sleigh* in a Sloop from *Curacao*, who left that Island the first of *February*, and informs, that Sir *John Jennings* with the Squadron of Her Majesties Ships were at *Jamaica*. That Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstaffe* Capt. *Fane* Commander, with the Vessels that went from hence under his Convoy were all safe arrived at *Barbadoes*; That it was reported a French Squadron was arrived at *Martinico*. A Sloop belonging to *Boston* Sailed from *Curacao* about 14 days before *Sleigh*, for *Axuma* to Load Salt.

*Adolph* Sails this day for *Boston*, and *Gravenraedi* for *Pensil-vania*, next week a Brigt. Sails for *Curacao*, and another for *Barbadoes*.

*Piscataqua, March 20.* Yesterday arrived at *York* a Fishing Ketch which adviseth that Col. *Hilton* Commander in Chief of the Forces to the Eastward is returning to *Casco*, having ranged the Eastern Coast, but could meet with no more of the Indian Enemy.

*Rhode-Island, March 21.* *Codner* in a Sloop from *Surranam*, but last from *Barbadoes* arrived here, and *Gold* in a Sloop from *Boston* bound for *Philadelphia*. Outward bound are *Cranston* for *Surranam*, and *Ellery* for *Barbadoes*.

*Boston.* By a Passenger that came hither from *England* in a Packet-Boat, *Via Barbadoes and Rhode-Island*, we are well assured, that the *Resolution* Gally having Forces and Stores on board for *New-York* (mentioned in our Numb. 143. and 145. said feared to be lost and run down in the Channel by the *Hallifax* Gally, which proves to be a mistake, it being another Ship that was run down and not she) was at *Plimouth* the 12th of *January* last in good Condition, having several times put out to Sea, and forced back again; of whose Arrival we may daily expect.

v On Thursday last there was a Warehouse at *Fort-Hill* belonging unto the Widow *Gibbs*, accidentally burnt down; wherein was lost a great deal of Goods.

His Excellency has been pleased on Saturday the 22d Currant to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province, unto *Tuesday* the

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15th day of April next.

	Inwards	From
<i>Francis Brown</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Connecticut
<i>John Ryder</i>	Sloop Elizabeth	Rhode-Island
<i>Jeremiah Vaile</i>	Sloop Mary	Nort Carolina
<i>Samuel Saunders</i>	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
<i>Robert Sanders</i>	Sloop Mary	Ditto
<i>Moses Abbot</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Maryland
<i>John Fisher</i>	Sloop Blackthorne	Virginia
<i>Jeffry Bedgood</i>	Sloop Two Brothers	S. Carolina
Cleared Outward		For
<i>Thomas Lothrop</i>	Sloop Susannah	Connecticut
<i>John Lothrop</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto

**Advertisements.**

THE Lynn-Spring Frame [Farm] between Salem and Lynn to be sold on reasonable Terms; It contains 20 Acres inclosed with a Stone Fence: Several other parcels of Land that are not fenc'd, good Pastorage, Maedow and Commonage: Having thereon a good double House, 4 Rooms on a Floor fit for an Ordinary, with a Barn and other Accomodations: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

THE Undertaker of this Publick Print of Intelligence for both Foreign and Domestick Occurrences has been endeavouring (now near three years time, with the aid and generous assistance of several Gentlemen, Merchants and others, both in this and the Neighbouring Provinces that annually took the same) to promote its continuance as a Publick good, yet notwithstanding that the same was proposed on very moderate Terms, and found to be of publick use, there has not hitherto appeared a competent number to take it by the year, so as to enable the Undertaker to defray the necessary Charge, far less to carry it on for the future, no dependance for its support being to be laid on the Weekly Sale of the said Prints, which if to be continued must either be by a greater number taking it yearly, or by some help from this and Naighbouring Governments, which is left to their consideration.

All Persons that has had it for the current year, who have not already paid according to agreement, are hereby desired to send it to John Campbell Post-master of Boston, with their Resolution whether they'd have it continued or not.

And all others who have a mind to put to their helping hand to promote and carry on the same, may agree with John Campbell Post-master of Boston, either by word or writing that it may be known

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before the year is elapsed the last of April next, if it can be proceeded on for a fourth year.

M. E.

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[GOVERNOR Dudley's proclamation for a general fast fills nearly all the first column of the first page of this issue. Foreign news follows, preceded by an editorial introduction, and occupying about two columns. Included in this are congratulatory addresses to Queen Anne upon the successes of her arms, from the General Assembly of New Hampshire, from military officers of Massachusetts Bay, and from prominent merchants and traders of Boston.]

By His Excellency, JOSEPH DUDLEY Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts Bay*, and *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*.  
A PROCLAMATION.

for a GENERAL FAST.

UPON due Consideration of the Holy Anger of Almighty GOD, Evidently manifested by Lengthning out the Troubles of Europe, as well as our own, and continuing them and our selves under the sore Calamities of a distressing bloody War; (notwithstanding the many great Victories obtained against the Common Enemy of Europe) which always bespeak our Humble Prostration at the Feet of Divine Sovereignty, with Penitential Confession of our many aggravated Sins and Provocations, and fervent Supplications before the Throne of Grace, for the free Remission of them: That the Just Displeasure of GOD against us may be removed.

I Have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, and at the concurrent desire of the Representatives in their present Session, to Appoint and Order That Wednesday the Sixteenth of April next be set apart, and observed for FASTING and PRAYER throughout these Provinces; Exhorting both Ministers and People in the Publick Assemblies, and in their private Devotions, religiously to Solemnize the said Day; That by a sincere Repentance and steady Affiance in the Divine Mercy in their most humble Addresses to GOD, They may obtain these great Blessings.

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*That our Sovereign Lady the QUEEN, with Her Kingdoms and Dominions may always be under the Protection of Heaven; Her Majesties Life and Happy Government long continued; Her Councils and Just Arms prospered: That the Government of these Her Majesties Provinces may be always under the Influence of Divine Direction in all their Administrations & Just Enterprizes, and the Smiles of Heaven attend them; The Designs of Enemies defeated; The Residue of our Captives be returned: That Health may be continued, and the Ensuing Year Crowned with the fruits of Divine Benignity: That the present Wars and Tumults of the Nations may happily Issue in the Advancement of the Protestant Religion, and the Glorious Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. And all Servile Labour is forbidden on the said day.*

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the Twenty Second of March, 1706, 7. In the Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *A N N E*, by the Grace of God of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of His Excellency and Council.  
*Isaac Addington, Secr.*

*J. DUDLEY*

GOD Save the QUEEN.

*In this we proceed according to our promise in the Last, with the remaining part of the summary account of the most remarkable Occurrences of Europe, from the 12th of November to the 7th of January last, from London per the Packet-Boats Via Barbadoes and Rhode-Island. [Here follow two columns of foreign news items. The most important of this foreign matter is the report concerning the death of Don Pedro, king of Portugal, and the succession of Don Juan to the throne.]*

*Fetter in a Sloop from New-England is arrived at Tinmouth.*

*St. James's Decemb. 18. An Humble and Loyal Address of the Council and Representatives of Her Majesties Province of New Hampshire in New-England, Conven'd in General Assembly: And five Addresses from the Military Officers in the several parts of Her Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay: Also an Address of the principal Merchants and Traders of Boston in New-England: Congratulating the Great and Glorious Successes of the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies, ever since Her Majesty's happy Accession to the Throne, and more especially (under the Command of the Duke of Marlborough) the last Summer in Flanders; and most humbly and thankfully acknowledging Her Majesty's great Care and Favour to Her People in those Parts, in Protecting and Encouraging their*

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Trade and Merchandise, &c. Were all presented to Her Majesty, by *Constantine Phips*<sup>189</sup> Esqr. Agent for the Government of *New-England*; being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Sunderland*, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

*All which Addresses Her Majesty received very Graciously.*

*New York, March 24.* On the 22d Currant arrived here a Sloop from *Madera*, *Simon Pasco* Master, who left that Island the 3d of February, . . . .

One *Calley of Boston* in a Sloop was arrived at *Madera*, and one *Moses Wadlin*, who last Fall was bound from *Fyal* to *Boston*, being blown off the Coast, the Sloop was disabled, put into *Madera* and sold there; the Master returns a Passenger in *Calley for Boston*. A Sloop from *Philadelphia* was arrived at *Madera*.

On the 22d and 23d Instant arrived here one *York & James Many* in 24 days from *Jamaica*, there came out with them a Brigt. and a Sloop for *Boston*, all under Convoy of a Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships of War being 12 Sail with a Ketch and Fireship, under the Command of *Sir John Jennings* who is returned to *England* And has been at *Carthageen* and *Portobell*, but the Spaniards are not inclined to send home the Galleons till the Affairs of *Spain* are in a more peaceable posture.

*Commadore Kerr* is at *Jamaica* with 5 Sail of Men of War.

Two Galleys Sailed from hence last Fall for *Jamaica*, viz *Norwod* & *Grant* who were not arrived, & 'tis fear'd they are lost or taken.

Outward Bound a Brigt. for *Surranam*, and a Sloop for *St. Thomas*. *Emmons* will Sail for *England* about the middle of April next.

*Rhode-Island, March 28.* On the 26th Currant arrived here a Sloop from *Barmudas*, *John Welch* Master, by whom we are advised that Capt. *John Wentworth* from *Piscataqua* was arrived at *Barbadoes* 5 weeks passage, who met with a Storm 5 days after he went out, wherein he lost his Main Mast. Capt. *Wilson* from *Boston* is also arrived there. That there is a strong Embargo in *Barbadoes*. The said *Welch* is gone for *Boston*, as also *Adolph* who toucht here from *New-York*.

*Piscataqua, March 28th.* Capt. *Rymes, Alcock* and *Harmon* bound for *Barbadoes* waits for a fair Wind. Capt. *Thomas Holland* bound for *Jamaica*, will be ready to Sail in Ten days.

v *Boston.* The following Act is passed by the Great & General Court or Assembly of this Province in their Last Session. *Viz.*

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189 *Constantine Phipps*: eminent London lawyer; afterward Sir *Constantine*, and Lord Chancellor of *Ireland* 1710-1714.

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*An Act for the further continuing of, and in Addition to the Act, to Encourage the Prosecution of the Indian Enemy and Rebels; which said Act was to continue unto the end of the Session of the General Assembly in May next; And is now revived and continued unto the last day of October following, with this addition; That the Premium for a Male Indian Enemy or Rebel capable of bearing Arms, or above the Age of 12 years that shall be kill'd or taken by any Company, Troop, Party or Person serving as Volunteers, without pay or Sub-sistance, shall be One Hundred Pounds instead of Fifty Pounds set by the Aforesaid Act.<sup>190</sup>*

Inwards		From
William Clarke	Sloop Endeavour	Virginia
John Mitchell	Sloop Elizabeth	Carolina
Cleared Outward		For
James Blin	Sloop Good hope	Connecticut
Thomas Lothrop	Sloop Diamond	Vineyard
Ebenezer Coffin	Sloop Ann	Nantucket
Nathaniel Gardner	Sloop Content	Ditto
Eleazar Moses	Brigt Mayflower	Newfundl.
Thomas Leasenby	Brigt. Dolphin	White-haven
Outward Bound		For
Richard Smith	Sloop Coronation	Newfoundl.
Samuel Hopkins	Sloop Dolphin	N. Carolina

**Advertisements.**

✓ **A** Pretty Carolina Indian Boy aged about 12 years, to be Sold; Enquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

✓ **O** Ne Thomas Greatbatch, a lusty well-set man, between 30 & 40 years of Age, he has a Red full face, and pock broken; he commonly wears a Perriwigg, his Right leg is crooked. He is a Sailer, having been late Mate to Capt. Bonker in a Briganteen from Curracoe to Philadelphia, has absented himself at New-York the 17th. Instant, having several Considerable Sums of Money in his hands, for which he has signed Bills of Lading. Therefore whoever shall meet with said Person, are desired to secure him, and give notice to Mr. Moses Levy Merchant in New-York, or to Capt. Andrew Gravenrate of said City, who will pay as a Reward 20 pieces of Eight with reasonable Charges, and indemnify and save harmless said Persons for taking up and securing said Greatbatch.

<sup>190</sup> The original act was passed and published by the General Court August 14, 1706, as chapter 7 of the session begun August 7, 1706. The addition, passed March 13, 1707, and published March 26, 1707, is chapter 12 of that session. See *Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . .*, Vol. I, p. 594.

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[Reprinted: dwelling-houses for sale, as in March 17.]

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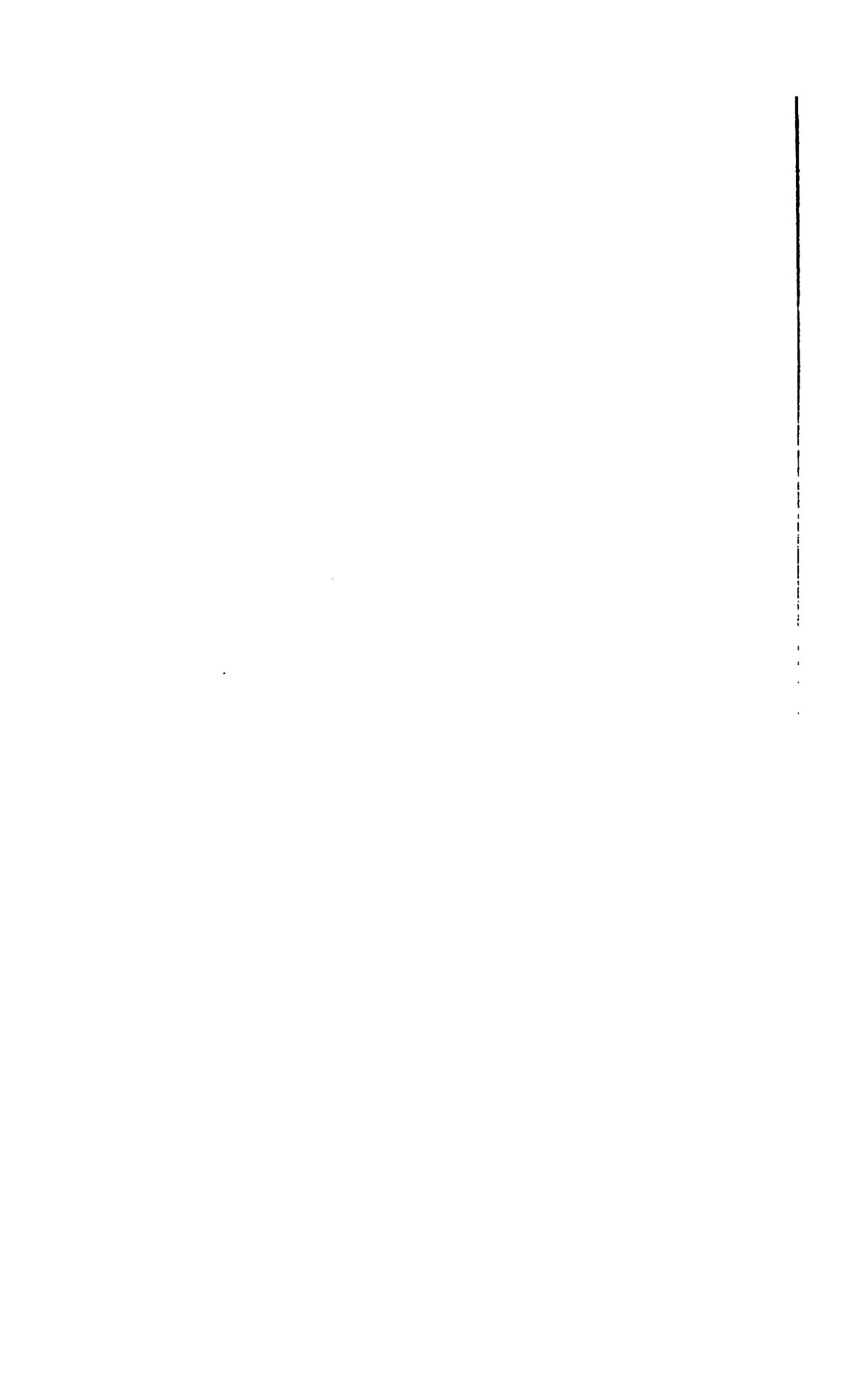
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[THIS issue opens with an editorial paragraph referring to the "summary of publick occurrences in Europe." Then is given foreign matter filling the first page and a quarter of the second. It includes an instalment of a summary of the articles of the union between England and Scotland, prefaced by an editorial note, and followed by the line, "Here we leave off till our Next." The domestic news in this number, as is usual, consists mainly of shipping intelligence.]

*For want of Room in our Last, and due Encouragement to Print, especially a Sheet at a time upon the Arrival of Vessels from England or the West Indies by the Packets: The Undertaker was necessitated to break off with the Summary of the Publick Occurrences of Europe, from the 12th of November, to the 7th of January last, and therefore does now proceed on the same. [The foreign news items here follow.]*

IN our Numb. 140 We acquainted you that Her Majestys Commissioners of England and Scotland (appointed by Her Majesty of Great Britain, pursuant to the Acts of Parliament of the Respective Nations, Empowering Her Majesty to Nominate Commissioners to Treat of an Union between the Two Kingdoms,) had agreed and concluded upon the Articles of the said Intended Union, the 22d Day of July last, which were not then made Publick: But are now come to our hands *per* the Packet *via Barbadoes* and *Carolina*, being since Printed in *Scotland* by order of the Parliament there; which Articles are in number 25. And are too long for this one Print, to be set down at large, unless the Undertaker were better enabled than hitherto he has been; yet for the satisfaction of those that has help't to support and promote the Publick Print, we have given you here a Summary of the said Articles which is as follows. [Here are Articles 1-15 of the Union.]

*Jamaica, Febr. 18. Armitage and Noyce of Boston are arrived here from Madera, the former of which acquaints us, That a Ship from Ireland, which touch't at Madera, to take in 20 Pipes of Wine, and came out from thence in Company with him bound for this Place,*





2000 ft. above sea level, and the water is  
at 1000 ft. above sea level.

At 1000 ft. above sea level, the water is  
at 2000 ft. above sea level.

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on the southside of *Hispaniola*, a *French Privateer* of 24. Guns gave them Chase, and came up with them, whom they engaged a considerable time, while at last the Privateer Boarded the Irishman, and with Granado's set Fire to the Irishmans Deck and Rigging, who was at length blown up; which when *Armitage* saw, he made the best of his way, the Privateer pursu'd him, but could not come up with him, and so got safe in here: The Irishman had 1500 barrels of Beef on Board.

They also say, that while they were at *Madera*, a Man of War came in there that had taken two *Canada* Store Ships.

*New-York, March 31.* Last week arrived here *Chaplin* in a Sloop from Barmudas 10 days passage. Letters from *London* the latter end of December *per* the Packet *Via Barbadoes* and *Barmuda* acquaint us, That the Lawrel Brigt. that came out with *Emmons, &c.* had been 3 weeks at Sea and was returned to Dartmouth in a most shattered condition, the Goods mostly damnifyed, and she rendered uncapable of proceeding the Voyage. Mr. *Philip French* late of this City Merchant, in his passage home from Virginia died 13 days after they left the Capes. *Emmons* Sails for England by the middle of April, and the Sloop *Seaflower* for Bristol, *Henry York* Master in 20 days. The Eagle Brigt. for Barbadoes Sails in a fortnight. Outward bound are a Sloop for St. Thomas, & a Brigt. for Surranam.

*Rhode-Island. April 4.* *Ela* in a Brigt. from Jamaica, bound for Boston toucht in here. *Coden* from *New-York*, and *Smallage* from *Boston* are arrived here, the latter informs, that the Nantucket Whale-boats came up with a Sloop that was over-set, whose Keel measured just 43 foot long, they got her Main-sail which had near 8 cloaths in the head of it, the Wind blew hard, they could not tow here in; & they went out next day to see for her, but knows not if they found her.

*Piscataqua, April 4.* His Excellency is expected here this night from his other Government of the Massachusetts-Bay. Capt. *Holland* Sails for Jamaica the 11th Currant.

*Salem, April 5.* Yesterday arrived at Marblehead the Sloop *Beginning*, *James Cawley* Master. 7 weeks passage from *Madera*, who says they had an Account of 3 *English* Vessels carried into Sally by Sally Men of War, but knows not for what reason. *Lewis* of *Boston* in a Brigt he left at *Madera*. On Monday last one *Swazy* in a Fishing Ketch saw a small new Ship standing out from *Barnstable Bay*, being new and red paint that stood off to Sea, The Shallops give account of such a Ship seen this week with new Sails, a low snug head, and

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low forward on, and a Sloop with her; 'Tis feared to be a Rogue by his working.

*Boston.* On *Wednesday* Evening last, a Young Woman coming into Town upon the *Neck*, was assaulted by a Negro man, who attempted to commit a Rape upon her, and being enraged by her resistance, grievously wounded her in the head with a large sharp stone, so that her Life is despair; The Villain is in close Prison, and it's hoped will be made a publick Example to the Terror of others.

We are acquainted from *Barmudas*, that the Government of that Island sent a Spy-Boat to descry what Ships were at *Martinico*, who saw several there, but could not distinguish of the Men of War; the said Spy-Boat touch't at *Barbadoes*, and was permitted to return home, notwithstanding the Embargo there, she being on that Publick Service. Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstaffe*, Capt. *Fane* Commander, in her Cruise had taken a *French* Ship of 12 Guns being a very rich Prize, and one of the Fleet that came out of *France* bound for *Martinico*, and brought here in to *Barbadoes*.

Letters from *Madera* of the 25th of *January* acquaint us, That a Ship belonging to that Island, *Goddard* and *Mansfield* to *New-England* were all Lost in a Storm.

Capt. *Pitts* Sails for London in 3 weeks time

Her Majesties Ship the *Province* Gally Cap. *Southack* Commander is Sailed this week on a Cruise.

*Venteman* from *Jamaica* and *Ellery* from *Saltertuda* arrived at *Nantasket* the 6th Currant.

*His Excellency* on *Wednesday* last went for his other *Government* of *New-Hampshire*.

*Thro' an Error of the Press in our Last*, Don *Juan the present King of Portugal* is said to be *Born in 1669*. And it should be 1689.

Inwards		From
<i>John Welch</i>	Sloop <i>Swallow</i>	<i>Barmuda</i>
<i>James Berry</i>	Ship <i>Swan</i>	<i>Salterruda</i>
<i>Dirick Adolph</i>	Sloop <i>Two Brothers</i>	<i>New-York</i>
<i>Thomas Hunt</i>	Sloop <i>Panther</i>	<i>Jamaica</i>
<i>John Secomb</i>	Sloop <i>Boneto</i>	<i>Curacao</i>
Cleared Outward		For
<i>Samuel Hopkins</i>	Sloop <i>Dolphin</i>	<i>N Carolina</i>
<i>Thomas Lanyon</i>	Sloop <i>Return</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>Jeremiah Vail</i>	Sloop <i>Mary</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>Carteret Gillam</i>	Sloop <i>Tryal</i>	<i>Connectic.</i>
Outward Bound		For
<i>Jonathan Evans</i>	Brigt. <i>Hope</i>	<i>Fyall</i>
<i>Moses Abbot</i>	Sloop <i>Endeavour</i>	<i>Maryland</i>

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*Robert Holmes*  
*John Ryder*

Brigt. Content  
Sloop Eliz. & Sarah

Jamaica  
Rhd. Island

Advertisements.

**N**Athaniel Wardell Slea Maker, a special good Work-man has lately set up in Draw-Bridge-Street,<sup>191</sup> on the North-side of the Bridge near Coney's-Lane<sup>192</sup> in Boston, where all persons may be furnished at his Shop with all sorts of Sleas ready made on reasonable termes: His Ware has been prov'd to be very good by several skilful Work-men.

**N**EWLY Published a small Book, Entituled, A Treacle fetch'd out of a Viper.<sup>193</sup> Sold by Benj. Eliot, under the West-end of the Town-House in Boston. Price Four-pence.

**A**Parcel of good Indigo to be Sold on reasonable Termes, by Mr. Joseph Parsons Merchant at his Ware-house on the Dock in Boston.

[Reprinted: the Lynn-Spring Farm for sale, as in March 24.]

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**[I**N this issue are additional articles of the treaty for the union of England and Scotland. From Paris, October 4, 1706, is an account of the French losses in the siege of Turin; from Brussels, October 3, an account of the reception there of the duke of Marlborough, October 27; and there are also reports from the military camp at Granez, October 7, and the camp of Prince Eugene of Savoy, October 22.]

**A**CCORDING to our promise in our last, we here proceed where we left off, to the Remainder of the 25 Articles of the intended Union between the Two British Kingdoms of England and Scotland. [Then follow articles 16-25 of the Union.]

*New-York, April 7. On the 3d Instant arrived here a Pink from Dublin, John Leigh Master, but last from Cork, 17 weeks passage, but brings no late News, only that Blaire of Boston who Sailed out of*

191 Draw-Bridge Street: early name for North Street.

192 Coney's Lane: after 1708 Cross Street.

193 By Cotton Mather, Boston in N. E. Printed by B. Green for Benjamin Eliot. 1707. Small 8vo.

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*Leverpool* the 8th of September last, was the next day in dark weather put ashore in Dundrum-Bay in *Ireland*, the Vessel and Goods wholly lost, and two of his men.

This day arrived a Sloop in 10 days from Barmudas, brings no News, only a report that Sir *William Jumper* was arrived at Barbadoes with 12 Sail of Men of War.

*Emmons* designs to Sail for England and Holland in 10 days, and the *Seaflower* for Bristol in a fortnight.

Entered out are *Pasco* and *Manny* for *Jamaica*.

The *Pensilvania* Post not yet come in

*Boston*, On Fryday the 11th Instant, His Excellency returned from his other Government of *New-Hampshire*.

On Tuesday the 15th Currant, the General Assembly of this Province meets here.

Wednesday the 16th Instant is to be a Day of Solemn Fasting and Prayer throughout this Province and *New-Hampshire*, for the Causes specified in his Excellency's Proclamation.

In our last, thro' misinformation 'twas not *Ellery* that arrived at *Nantasket* but *Mason*.

Inwards		From
<i>Alexander Duncan</i>	Sloop Friendship	New-York
<i>Joseph Conclin</i>	Sloop Tryal	Ditto
<i>Joseph Allen</i>	Sloop John & Mary	Connecticut
<i>Nathaniel Loring</i>	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
<i>Jonas Green</i>	Sloop Industry	Ditto
<i>Giles Hall</i>	Sloop Lyon	Ditto
<i>Paul Mansfield</i>	Sloop Lyon	Ditto
<i>Nathaniel Mason</i>	Sloop Guilford	Saltertuda
<i>James Cawley</i>	Sloop Beginning	Madera
<i>John Venteman</i>	Ship Martha & Eliz.	Jamaica
<i>Ezekiel Cravath</i>	Ketch Dolphin	Ilethera
Cleared Outward		For
<i>Francis Brown</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Connecticut
<i>John Mitchel</i>	Sloop Elizabeth	N. Carolina
<i>William Clark</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Ditto
<i>Robert Holmes</i>	Brigt. Content	Jamaica
<i>Moses Abbot</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Maryland
Outward Bound		For
<i>Dirick Adolph</i>	Sloop Two Brothers	New-York
<i>William Everton</i>	Ship Elizabeth	Oporto
<i>John Charnock</i>	Marlborough Gally	London
<i>Thomas Hunt</i>	Sloop Panther	Madera

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*Ela* in a Brigt. from *Jamaica* is arrived here, & *Blague* in the *Coleman Gally* at *Nantasket* from *Barbadoes* and *Saltertuda*.

**Advertisements.**

**A**ny Person that wants Money at Interest, giving good Security, may repair to John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as in March 24.]

**R. E.**

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[**T**HIS number opens with an editorial note introducing foreign news. The foreign matter covers the first page and half of the second; and includes, under date Edinburgh, October 8, "Her Majesty's most Gracious Letter to our Parliament of *Scotland*, with the Lord HighCommissioner's and Lord HighChancellor's speeches relating to the Union;" also a variety of war news. The domestic items relate mostly to shipping and affairs at sea.]

**T**HE Foreign Occurrences which we give you in this: tho' prior in time to what you have had in our former, yet came since to our hands from *England*, *per* the Packets Via *Barbadoes* and *Saltertuda*, *per* Capt. *Blague*.

*Philadelphia, April 12.* *Darby* and *Gold* from Boston are below arrived at Salem.

*New York, April 14.* Yesterday arrived here one *Rolland* in 27 days from *Jamaica*, by whom we are informed, That Capt. *Tongrelow* a Privateer from hence, met a French Ship of 30 or 36 Guns and 160 men near *Hispaniola*, which he fought 4 hours till he had 2 men kill'd and 17 wounded, and finding her too strong for him, he left her, *Tongrelow* put in to *Bonira* to repair his damage

*Emmons* says he'll Sail this week for *England* and *Holland*, and *York* for *Bristol* in 14 days.

Two Sloops are bound for *Jamaica*, another for *Madera*, and a *Brigt.* for *Barbadoes*.

Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton's Prize* will be ready to Sail a Cruise in a few days.

*Rhode-Island, April 18.* On the 6th Instant an Express came to our Governour from the *Narraganset*, acquainting his Honour that

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the Beacon at Block-Island was on fire, and that they heard several Guns go off, the Governour immediately caused the Drum to beat up for Volunteers to go under the Command of Capt. *John Wanton*, and Capt. *Benj Ellery* in a Sloop and Brigantien, and in 2 hours time there was 200 men compleat in Arms on Board; The Brigt. came up with Block-Island in the Evening, where they saw a small Sloop that came from *New-York* who had surrounded the Island 3 times, as tho' on purpose to alarm them; they know not who commanded the Sloop, but pretended that they came there to Press men for Her Majesties Service to the Man of War.

Inwards are Smallage, Ryder and Gillam from *Boston*, Taylor from *New-York* Cox from *Barmudas*, and Cranston from *Curacoa*, just now arrived.

Outward Bound, *Frost* for Surranam.

*Boston*, On Thursday the 17th Currant, His Excellency was pleased to Dissolve the General Assembly of this Province.

By *Porter* and *Blue* in 19 days from *Nevis* and *Monserrat* we are acquainted that *Norris*, *Kinsman*, and *Nathaniel Perkins* bound hence to the Leeward-Islands were all taken, That no *French*-men of War could be descry'd at *Martinico*. That the *French* Privateers were very numerous abroad among the Islands. That there was a Packet from *England* arrived at *Antigua* just as they came out, but knows not what News.

*Scot* from *Jamaica* is arrived here.

Inwards		From
<i>Simon Smith</i>	Sloop Hope	Saybrooke
<i>Thomas Curtice</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Ditto
<i>Peter Harris</i>	Sloop Dolphin	New London
<i>Joseph Talmage</i>	Sloop Endeavour	New-Haven
<i>Gamaliel Prince</i>	Sloop Adventure	Milford
<i>Joseph Brown</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Nor. Carolina
<i>Joseph Reding</i>	Sloop Eliz & Grace	Ditto
<i>Thomas Larkin</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
<i>Samuel Long</i>	Brigt. Swan	Virginia
<i>Newcomb Blague</i>	Ship Colman Frigot	Saltertuda
<i>Thomas Porter</i>	Brigt. Lamb	Nevis
<i>John Blue</i>	Brigt. Dragon	Monserrat
Cleared Outward		For
<i>Nathaniel Loring</i>	Sloop Dolphin	Connecticut
<i>Clement Sumner</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
<i>Thomas Hunt</i>	Sloop Panther	Madera
<i>William Hawley</i>	Ship America	New-York

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Outward Bound		For
Thomas Chity	Sloop Endeavour	Barbadoes
Nath Mason	Sloop Gilford	Jamaica
Nicholas Bow	Sloop Beginning	London

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**G**ood Jamaica Indigo, and good Cables from 4 to 13 Inches, to be Sold on reasonable Terms, by Mr. David Jeffers & Company Merchant, at their Warehouse on the Dock in Boston.

**I**mprecation against the Enemies of God, Lawful and a Duty, as it was delivered in a Sermon at the Lecture in Boston, before his Excellency and General Court, March 20, 1707, By the Reverend Mr. Benjamin Colman. Sold by Nicholas Boone, at his Shop near the Corner of School-house-lane in Boston.

**R. E.**

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[**U**NDER date of Edinburgh, October 31, 1706, is the speech of the earl of Seafield, lord high chancellor of Scotland, reporting the treaty for the union between England and Scotland; and then follows the action of parliament upon the treaty, article by article.]

(According to our usual manner upon the Arrival of Vessels from *England*, or the *West-Indies* by the *Packets*, fearing also that a Competent number do not offer to take the said Letter of Intelligence by the year so that it may be proceeded on for a fourth, this being the last of the third year. We shall now conclude with a piece of the best News that we ever Printed, which will no doubt be very acceptable to all the good Subjects of **GREAT BRITAIN**.) [Here follow the speeches of the queen to the houses of Parliament, January 28 and March 6, relating to the union of England and Scotland.]

**Weymouth, April 24** Yesterday was interr'd here the Reverend Mr. *Samuel Torrey*, Fellow of Harvard College & Pastor of the Church in this Town, who Dyed on Monday last, having Preach'd on the Publick Fast the Wednesday before; was entering on the 76th Year of his Age, and in the Fifty first year of his Ministry; leaving behind him the Character of a very Laborious, Faithful, Learned and Pious Minister of the Gospel.

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*Boston. Inwards*

<i>John Webster</i>	<i>Brigt. Endeavour</i>
<i>Robert Lewis</i>	<i>Brigt. Amity</i>
<i>Thomas Rose</i>	<i>Ship Oxford Gally</i>

*Cleared Outward*

<i>Joseph Allen</i>	<i>Sloop John &amp; Mary</i>
<i>Joseph Brown</i>	<i>Sloop Speedwell</i>
<i>John Gross</i>	<i>Sloop Prosperous</i>

*Outward Bound*

<i>John Venteman</i>	<i>Ship Martha &amp; Eliz</i>
<i>John Scot</i>	<i>Brigt. William</i>
<i>Richard Butler</i>	<i>Sloop Two Brothers</i>

<i>From</i>	
<i>N Carolina</i>	
<i>Madera</i>	
<i>London</i>	
<i>For</i>	
<i>Connecticut</i>	
<i>Ditto</i>	
<i>Ditto</i>	
<i>For</i>	
<i>Jamaica</i>	
<i>Ditto</i>	
<i>St. Christop.</i>	

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✓ **T**HERE is a Fair to be kept yearly in the Town of Portsmouth on Rhode-Island, near the House of Abraham Anthony, on the last Tuesday of May which holds 3 days at a time.

**R**AN-away from her Master Nath. Niles jun. of Point-Judith in Narraganset, a Negro Woman with her Son a Negro Boy about 2 year old, she's of a middle Stature & well set. Whoever shall apprehend and convey her either to her Master or John Campbell Post-master of Boston, shall be well rewarded.

**H**ITHerto no competent number has offered to take this Letter of Intelligence by the year, so as to enable the Undertaker to carry on the same; which when there does, he is ready to proceed with all Occurrences, both Foreign & Domestick.

[Reprinted: Indian boy to be sold, as in March 31.]

**R. E.**

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**[F**OREIGN matter fills the first page and nearly three quarters of the second: largely composed, under date *Whitehall, November 2, of "Letters from Valentia* of the 5th of the last Month, N. S." containing "the following Account of the last campaign in Spain." The domestic intelligence is almost wholly shipping news.]

*New York, April 28. On the 22d arrived here a Sloop from Curacao, but last from Exuma with Salt, by whom we have advice,*

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That Capt. *Tongrelow* had engaged a *French* Ship of 30 Guns two hours in which he had two men kill'd and 11 wounded, and had been at *Bonira* & refitted and was gone upon another Cruise.

That two *Dutch* Men of War of 60 Guns each, with several Merchant Ships were arrived at *Curacao* from *Holland*.

The same day arrived here *Bradick* in a Sloop from *Virginia*, who on *Fryday* last was three weeks, met a Ship going in to *Virginia* from *England*, the Master whereof told him that he had been three Months from *England*, and came out with 5 other Ships for *Virginia* and the *Resolution* Gally for *New-York*, and that it was then nine weeks since he parted with the said Gally.

Capt. *York* Sails this week or next for *Bristol*

A Fly Boat arrived here from *Boston* in *Satureday* last, in order to Load for *England*: And *Leigh* is bound for *Dubkin*

Boston	Entered Inwards	From
<i>John Rayner</i>	Ketch Freek	Fyall
<i>Eleazar Johnson</i>	Brigt. Hopewell	Ditto
<i>Nicholas Burroughs</i>	Marlborough Gally	Nevis
<i>John Richards</i>	Brigt. Endeavour	Antigua
	Cleared Outward	For
<i>James Lewis</i>	Sloop Dubastus	Connecticut
<i>John Hedge</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
<i>Simon Smith</i>	Sloop Hope	Ditto
<i>Thomas Curtis</i>	Sloop Swan	Ditto
<i>Peter Harris</i>	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
	Outward Bound	For
<i>Joseph Reding</i>	Sloop Eliz & Grace	N. Carolina
<i>Thomas Larkin</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto

### Advertisement.

AT the perswasion of several Gentlemen, Merchants, and others, both in this and the Neighbouring Provinces, who are sensible of the want of this Publick Letter of Intelligence for both Foreign and Domestick Occurrences; the Undertaker has once more attempted to Print the same in hopes that all Persons who loves a Publick good will one way or other put to their helping hand, to Promote and Support it, that the same may not only be carried on a fourth year, but also continued for the future.

And all Persons in Town and Country who have a mind to encourage the same, may have the said Letter of Intelligence every Week by the year upon reasonable Terms, agreeing with John Campbell Post-master of Boston.

'Tis taken for granted that all such who had this Letter of Intelligence last year, and have not forbid the same, will be still willing

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to take it at the Price which others give: If any are of a contrary mind, let them signify it, and we shall forbear sending it to them.

The Undertaker has been also advised to carry on the Occurrences where they were left off, and 'tis hoped that fourteen days will retrieve the lost time.

**P. E.**

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[EUROPEAN advices fill all but about a third of a page of this issue, under dates of October-November, 1706. The items are dated Berlin, Constantinople, Moscow, Genoa, Vienna, Lisbon, "From the Duke of Savoy's Camp at Picighittone, Octob. 28 N. S.," Edinburgh, Paris, Milan, Amsterdam and Hague. The slight domestic news relates wholly to shipping.]

<i>Boston</i>	<i>Entered Inwards</i>	<i>From</i>
<i>John Wiggins</i>	Sloop John & Mary	New York
<i>William Walter</i>	Sloop Ruth & Hanna	Connecticut
<i>Nath Presbury</i>	Sloop Adventure	Ditto
<i>John Lothrop</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Barnstable
<i>John Brewer</i>	Sloop Content	Campechy
<i>George Phillips</i>	Sloop Supply	Fyall
	Cleared Outward	For
<i>Joseph Flood</i>	Sloop John & Abigall	Piscataqua
<i>Joseph Concklin</i>	Sloop Tryal	New-York
	Outward Bound	For
<i>Richard Foster</i>	Ship Boston Merchant	London
<i>John Porter</i>	Brigt. Lamb	St Christ.
<i>Jefferey Bedgood</i>	Brigt. Mary	Jamaica

*New-York, May 5.* On the 3d Instant arrived here a Briganteen in 27 days from *Curacao*, belonging to *St. Thomas* which is bound to *Madera*, by whom we are advised, That two *French* Privateers from *Porto Rico* had taken a *Dutch* Trading Sloop worth One hundred thousand Pieces of Eight.

Yesterday *Adolph* arrived here from *Boston*.

*Emmons* Sailed last *Tuesday* from *Sandy-hook* for *England* and *Holland*. The Sloop *Seaflower* for *Bristol* and *Pasco* for *Madera*, lies there Wind bound.

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Entered Outward Bound the Ship *America* for *London*.

Advertisement.

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[FOREIGN matter occupies nearly three quarters of this number, and comprises general European advices of November, 1706 dates. The domestic news concerns shipping interests and movements of men-of-war.]

*Portsmouth, Nov. 4.* From on board Her Majestys Ship the *Kent* off of Lizard, *Octob.* 29. Sir *Thomas Hardy*, who commands the Western Squadron being a Crusing in the Soundings, to protect our homeward bound Trade, took in Her Majestys Ship *Kent* on the 27th of this Month, after some resistance, the *American*, a Letter of Mart, burden, 150 Tons, 50 Men and 20 Guns, loaded with Sugar, Indigo, &c from *Martinico*, and belonging to and bound for *Bourdeaux*.

She Sailed from *Port Royal* in that Island the 8th of September last, in company with 4 more Ships bound for several Ports of *France*; but being a better Sailer than the rest, she made the best of her way a-head, & on the 20th *ultimo*, took in her Passage the *Samuel* and *Margret of London*, burden 100 Tuns, 20 Men, 12 Guns, *John Haberdey* Master, come from *Guiney*, and bound with Negroes to *Virginia*. She sent this Prize to *Martinico*, and kept the Master of her and 7 men more on board. On the 7th Instant she likewise took the *Elizabeth of Boston*, burden 90 Tuns, 9 Men, 2 Guns, in the Latitude of 11 deg. 10 minutes, Longitude 322. come from Port to Port with Wines for *New-England*, and kept the Super-cargo for the Ransom of the Ship, which hath now his Liberty, and sav'd his Ransom.

*Falmouth, Nov. 7.* The 5th Instant came into this Port Her Majesty's Ship the *Swiftsure*, and with her the Industry of and from *Virginia*, laden with Tobacco, which was taken by a *French* Privateer, and retaken by Her Majesty's Ship the *Nonsuch* near the Lizard.

*Plimouth, [Eng.] Nov. 10.* This day came in Her Majesty's Ship the *Swallow* from the Eastward with a Prize of 18 Guns from *Martinico* laden with Sugar, and a retaken Ship, *viz.* the *Tiger* Briganteen of and from *Boston*, bound for the *Maderas*

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This day the *Swallow* Man of War brought in here the St. *Mark of Nants*, laden with Sugar &c. from Martinico; as also the *Tyger Brigantien* (retaken from a St. *Mallo's* Privateer) off and from *Boston*, in *New England*, one *Holland*, Master, laden with Fish, Tarr and Oyl, for the *Maderas*.

*Philadelphia, May 8th* On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Instant arrived here two Sloops from *Barbadoes*, *Wade* and *Foster* Masters, *Foster* put into *Barbadoes*, he left *Barbadoes* the first of *April*, and *Wade* the 6<sup>th</sup> of the said Month, they came out without Convoy, there being no Embargo. The Vessels bound for *New-York* waited for the Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the *Lowstaffe*, who intended to Sail the latter end of *April*.

The *Lowstaffe's* Prize is said to be very valuable, being loaden with Bale Goods, Beef and Pork.

Cap. *Forrister* a Spie Boat from *Barbadoes* was taken and carried in to *Martinico*, but was come to *Barbadoes* again in a Flag of Truce, the Cartele being settled between those Islands.

Yesterday and the day before was Launched here a Gally call'd the *Happy Union*, and a Brigantien, both designed for *England*.

Mr. *Gravenraedt* has Entered for *York* and *Boston*.

*New-York, May 12th.* On the 8th Instant a Sloop arrived here from *Barmuda*, and on the 10th a Ship from *Bristol*, *Cockrane* Master, who left that Port the 6<sup>th</sup> of *March*, and on the 18<sup>th</sup> of the same Month Sailed from *Kingsaile* in Company of three Men of War, two Transport Ships, and about 30 Merchant Men bound to *Barbadoes*, &c. in which Fleet was *Milford Crow* Esqr. Governour of *Barbadoes*, and 300 Souldiers, by which Ship we have advice, that Capt. *Budge* (who mist the joyning of the Mast Fleet last Fall) lost his Ship near *Limerick*, most of the Loading saved, but part damnifyed. That Capt. *Cole* who Sailed from hence in *December* last, was arrived in *Bristol* Channel.

Several Vessels are Outward bound for *Curacoa*, *Jamaica*, *St. Thomas*, *Antigua*, *Barbadoes*, *Barmuda*, and *Carolina*.

<i>Boston.</i>	<i>Entered Inwards</i>	<i>From</i>
<i>Thomas Lothrop</i>	Sloop <i>Susanna</i>	<i>Connecticut</i>
<i>John Lothrop</i>	Sloop <i>Charles</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>William Smallage</i>	Sloop <i>Prosperous</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>John Hedge</i>	Sloop <i>Speedwell</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>William Goold</i>	Sloop <i>Samuel</i>	<i>Ditto</i>
<i>Eleazar Darby</i>	Sloop <i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Jersey</i>
<i>Thomas Ruck</i>	Brigt. <i>Fraternity</i>	<i>Barbadoes</i>
<i>Isaac Binney</i>	Sloop <i>Mary</i>	<i>Ditto</i>

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<i>John Blower</i>	Ship Stanier Gally	Ditto
<i>Eleazar Armitage</i>	Sloop Alexander	Ditto
<i>Abraham Hill</i>	Ship Andr & Will	Exon
<i>William Wibber</i>	Brigt. Dragon	St Christo.
<i>Fortune Redduck</i>	Brigt. Jer. & Tho.	Ditto
<i>Samuel Richards</i>	Pink Joshua	Lisbon
<i>Joseph Polley</i>	Bark Blessing	Campechy
Cleared Outward		
<i>Thomas Larkin</i>	Sloop Speedwell	N. Carolin
<i>James Webster</i>	Brigt. Endeavour	Ditto
<i>Barnabas Lothrop</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Connectic
<i>Gamaliel Prince</i>	Sloop Adventure	Ditto
<i>Alexander Duncan</i>	Sloop Friendship	Ditto
<i>Jacob Parker</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
<i>William Arnold</i>	Ship David & Joseph	London
<i>Nicholas Bows</i>	Sloop Beginning	Ditto
Outward Bound		
<i>Joseph Reding</i>	Sloop Eliz. & Grace	For N. Carolin

**Advertisement**

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**N. E.**

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**[F**OREIGN matter fills the first page and over half of the second, comprising general European advices.]

*Dartmouth, Nov. 17.* The 14th came in here the *Samuel* and *Sarah* of this Place, *John Symons* Commander, from *Newfoundland*, being a *French Prize*, taken and brought into that Country by the *Nicholas*, a Letter of Mart Ship, Capt. *Holdsworth* Commander. This Day came in the *Evans* Briganteen, *Joseph Harwood* Master, from *Pensylvania*, laden with Tobacco for Milford.

*Marshfield, May 19.* On *Wednesday* last the 14th Currant, The Reverend Mr. *James Gardner* was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this place.

*New-York, May 19.* Yesterday arrived here the *Briganteen Laurell* from *England*, who has been so long expected, she came out

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of *Plimouth* the 21st of *February*. The *Resolution* Gally Sailed a month before her for this Port. Capt. *Wild* in the *Dove* was Loaden, and *Jeffers* was Loading in *February* last for this Port.

A Ship has been seen off and on of the Highland of *Never-sinks* last week, upon which Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton's* Prize Sailed from hence on *Saturday*, and we suppose went out of the *Hook* yesterday in search of her, supposing her to be a Privateer.

Last week one *Robinson* arrived here from the Bay of *Campechy*, one *Mears* of *Boston* came out with him; and he left another Vessel of Mr. *Lilly's* there, he has had 7 weeks passage.

Several Vessels are bound to *Barbadoes, Jamaica, Curacoa, Carolina, &c.* *Leigh* bound to *England* and *Ireland* will not Sail till the *Triton's* Prize return.

Entered Inward	From
<i>Joseph Flood</i>	Sloop John and Abiel
Cleared Outward	For
<i>Joseph Reding</i>	Piscataqua
<i>John Scot</i>	N. Carolina
<i>Thomas Chitty</i>	Jamaica
Outward Bound	Barbadoes
<i>John Ela</i>	For
<i>Giles Hall</i>	Brig. Dove
<i>Thomas Welch</i>	Barbadoes
<i>Robert Lewis</i>	Newfoundl.
	Jamaica
	Barmuda

### Advertisement.

[Reprinted: first two paragraphs of the News-Letter advertisement. as first in May 5.]

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[FOREIGN matter fills the first page and about a quarter of the second, comprising mainly war news; a large part consists of advices, under date Hague, November 23, as to proposals of peace made to the allies. The domestic news includes the report of the Anniversary Election, with the list of councillors chosen, and the members of the house of representatives for the ensuing year.]

*New-York, May 26. Last week arrived here Pope and Bourdett from Jamaica, Stevins from Carolina & Joyner from Barmudas.*

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but bring no News. We have an Embargo here till Her Majesty's Ship the *Tritons* Prize return, who went in quest of the Privateer that was said to be on our Coast. *Leigh for England and Ireland* does not Sail till the Man of War returns. There are two Sloops up for *Carolina*, a Sloop for *Barbadoes*, one for *St. Thomas*, one for *Antigua*, and *Joyner for Madera*.

Just now arrived a Sloop from the Bay of *Hunderas*, 8 weeks passage, which came out with two Briganteens for *Boston*.

*Boston, June 2d 1707.*

ON Wednesday last the 28th of May, being the Anniversary Day for Election of Counsellours, the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province met & Elected. After Sermon Preached by the Reverend Mr *Samuel Belcher*, Minister of *Newbury* (from these words, Mat. 6. 10 *Thy Kingdom Come*;) the following Gentlemen Members of Her Majesties Council for the Ensuing Year, whom His Excellency was pleased to approve of, *Viz.*<sup>194</sup>

<i>Wait Winthrop</i> Esq.	<i>James Russel</i> Esq.
<i>John Hathorn</i> Esq.	<i>Elisha Hutchinson</i> Esq.
<i>William Brown</i> Esq.	<i>Samuel Sewall</i> Esq.
<i>Isaac Addington</i> Esq.	<i>John Phillips</i> Esq.
<i>Jonathan Corwin</i> Esq.	<i>John Foster</i> Esq.
<i>*Peter Sergeant</i> Esq.	<i>*Joseph Lynde</i> Esq.
<i>John Thacher</i> Esq.	<i>Eliakim Hutchinson</i> Esq.
<i>Penn Townsend</i> Esq.	<i>John Appleton</i> Esq.
<i>Benjamin Brown</i> Esq.	<i>John Higginson</i> Esq.
<i>Samuel Patridge</i> Esq.	<i>Andrew Belcher</i> Esq.
<i>Edward Bromfield</i> Esq.	<i>Isaac Winslow</i> Esq.

194 Printed, revised, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 225-227. In the list of councillors are these changes in the Province Laws print: Hathorne for Hathorn; Browne for Brown in both cases; Russell for Russel; Cushing jun. for Cushing; Paine for Payne; Plaisted for Blaisted. In the list of representatives, the following: Boston, Doctor for Mr. Tho. Oakes, Lieut-col for Col. Sam. Checkley; Weymouth, Mr. for Cap. Steph. French; Hingham, Theophilus for Tho. Cushing; Mendon, Sergeant for Mr. Wil. Holbrook; Braintree, Webb for Web; Billerica, Stearnes for Sternes; Woburn, Ensign for Mr. John Peirce; Reading, Wily for Wily; Wrentham, Sergeant John Guilde for Mr. John Guile; Salem, Browne for Brown; Ipswich, Jewett for Jewit; Newbury, Lieut-col. for Col. Tho. Noyes; Lynn, Burrill for Burrl; Marblehead, Trevett for Trivit; Bridgewater, Deacon William Brett for Mr. Wil. Bret; Sandwich, Bassett for Basset; Springfield, Lieut. for Mr. Joseph Stebbins; Gloucester, Haskall for Hascall; Rowley, Jewett for Jewet; Amesbury, Fowler for Fowler; Haverhill, Saunders for Sanders; Boxford, Lieut. Thomas Perley for Mr. Tho. Pearly; Bradford, Kimball for Kimbal; Charlestown, Phipps for Phips; Sudbury, Deacon for Mr. Edmund Rice; Marlborough, Beaman for Beeman; Concord, Capt. Jonathan Prescott for Capt. John Prescot; Suffield, Mr. Joseph Sheldon for Capt. Joseph Sheldon; Dartmouth, Akin for Achin; Tiverton, blank filled: William Almy; Wells, Sayer for Sawyer; Chilmark, Maj. Benjamin Skiffe for Benj. Skeffe Esq.; added: Island of Nantucket, James Coffin.

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*Ephraim Hunt Esq.*

*Samuel Appleton Esq.*

*John Cushing Esq.*

*Nathaniel Payne Esq.*

*Simeon Stoddard Esq.*

*Ichabod Blaistead Esq.*

The Members of the House of Representatives for the several Towns are as follows, and those that have this Mark (\*) are New Ones

<i>Boston</i>	{	Mr. Tho. Oakes Col. Sam. Checkley Capt. Ephr. Savage Mr. Eliz. Holyoke
<i>Weymouth</i>		Cap. Steph. French
<i>Dedham</i>		Mr. John Fuller.
<i>Medfield</i>		*Mr. Sam. Morse
<i>Hingham</i>		*Mr. Tho. Cushing
<i>Mendon</i>		*Mr. Wil. Holbrook
<i>Wrentham</i>		*Mr. John Guile
<i>Brooklin</i>		Mr. John Winchester
<i>Salem</i>	{	*Capt. Sam. Gardner *Capt. John Brown
<i>Ipswich</i>	{	Mr. Neh. Jewet Capt. Wil. Goodhue
<i>Newbury</i>		*Col Tho. Noyes
<i>Lynne</i>		*John Burril Esq. Speak
<i>Marblehead</i>		*Mr. Rich. Trivet
<i>Beverly</i>		Mr. Sam. Balch.
<i>Wenham</i>		*Mr. Tho. Patch
<i>Topsfield</i>		*Mr. Isaac Peabody
<i>Glocester</i>		Mr. Benj. Hascall
<i>Rowley</i>		*Mr. Ezek. Jewet.
<i>Salisbury</i>		*Capt Hen. True
<i>Amesbury</i>		*Mr. Tho. Fowler
<i>Andover</i>		Capt Christ. Osgood
<i>Haverhill</i>		M. James Sanders
<i>Boxford</i>		Mr. Tho. Pearly
<i>Bradford</i>		*Mr. Rich. Kimbal
<i>Cambridge</i>		Capt. Tho. Oliver
<i>Charlestown</i>		*Capt. Sam. Phips
<i>Newtown</i>		Mr. John Spring
<i>Watertown</i>		Jonas Bond Esqr.
<i>Sudbury</i>		Mr. Edmund Rice
<i>Marlborough</i>		*Mr. Tho. Beeman
<i>Concord</i>		*Capt. John Prescot
<i>Chelmsford</i>		*Capt. Wil. Tyng

<i>Roxbury</i>	Mr. Wil. Denison
<i>Dorchester</i>	Mr. Hopestill Clap
<i>Milton</i>	*Mr. Geo. Sumner
<i>Brantrey</i>	*Mr. John Web
<i>Billerica</i>	Mr. John Sternes
<i>Woburn</i>	*Mr. John Peirce
<i>Reading</i>	*Mr. Tim. Wily
<i>Malden</i>	*Mr. John Greenland
<i>Sherborn</i>	Mr. Jonath. Morse
<i>Lancaster</i>	*Mr. Tho. Sawyer
<i>Plimouth</i>	*James Warren Esqr.
<i>Scituate</i>	*Mr. Sam. Clap.
<i>Marshfield</i>	*Mr. Sam. Sprague
<i>Bridgewater</i>	*Mr. Wil. Bret
<i>Barnstable</i>	*Mr. Sam. Chipman
<i>Sandwich</i>	*Maj Wil. Basset
<i>Yarmouth</i>	*Mr. Elisha Hall
<i>Eastham</i>	Mr. Sam. Knowles
<i>Springf.</i>	*Mr. Joseph Stebbins
<i>Northamp.</i>	*Mr. Tho. Shelden
<i>Hadley</i>	*Mr. John Nash.
<i>Suffield</i>	*Cap Joseph Shelden
<i>Hatfield</i>	*Mr. Eleazar Frary
<i>Enfield</i>	*Mr. Isaac Meacham
<i>Bristol</i>	Mr. Nath. Blagrove
<i>Rehoboth</i>	*Mr. John Brooks
<i>Little-Compt.</i>	*Mr. Wil. Fobes
<i>Swanzey</i>	*Mr. Joseph Mason
<i>Taunton</i>	Mr. Robert Crosman
<i>Dartmouth</i>	*Mr. John Achin
<i>Tiverton</i>	
<i>York</i>	*Capt. Lewis Bane
<i>Kittery</i>	*Capt. John Hill
<i>Wells</i>	Mr. William Sawyer
<i>Edgartown</i>	
<i>Tisbury</i>	
<i>Chilmark</i>	
	Benj. Skeffe Esq.

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Entered Inwards	From
<i>John Bradick</i>	Sloop John & Mary
<i>Abel Jones</i>	Sloop Larke
<i>Samuel Emes</i>	Ketch Seaflower
<i>Nathaniel Loring</i>	Sloop Dolphin
<i>Francis Brown</i>	Sloop Speedwell
<i>James Goold</i>	Sloop Hopewell
<i>John Wilkins</i>	Sloop Nonsuch
<i>John Mason</i>	Brigt. New-London
<i>Philip Lewis</i>	Bright Hope
Cleared Outward	For
<i>Daniel Jackson</i>	Sloop Speedwell
<i>Anthony Bracket</i>	Sloop Katherin
<i>Benj. Flood</i>	Sloop Benj. & Mary
<i>Joseph Basset</i>	Sloop Susanna
<i>John Wiggins</i>	Sloop John & Mary
<i>Nathan Presbury</i>	Sloop Adventure
<i>William Walker</i>	Sloop Han. & Ruth
<i>John Lothrop</i>	Sloop Charles
<i>John Hedge</i>	Sloop Speedwell
<i>Thomas Lothrop</i>	Sloop Samuel
<i>John Bradick</i>	Sloop John & Mary
<i>Richard Butler</i>	Sloop Two Friends
<i>Jonathan Evans</i>	Brigt. Hope
<i>Jeffrey Bedgood</i>	Brigt. Mary
<i>Jonathan Hart</i>	Sloop Gilford
Outward Bound	For
<i>Joseph Mackintosh</i>	Brigt. Hope
<i>Nicholas Johnson</i>	Brigt. Hopewell
<i>John Rayner</i>	Ketch Freck

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**[F**OREIGN matter fills the first page and nearly a quarter of the second: embracing, under date Westminister, December 3, the queen's speech at the meeting of Parliament; war reports; and

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advices from Constantinople, October 31, and Lisbon, November 25 N. S. The domestic news relates wholly to shipping.]

*Antigua, April 26.* On the 20th Currant arrived here Capt. *Beamsly Perkins* from *Boston*, with *Wilson, Sharp & Isaac Perkins*:<sup>195</sup> The Privateers are very thick about the Islands. Yesterday arrived *Smith* from *Bristol*. There is bound hence to *Boston* Capt. *Gwin* in the *Eagle Gally*, *John Pitts* in a Sloop, and *Rolston* in another, and *Parker* for *Piscataqua*.

*New-York, June 2d.* On *Thursday* last the *Tritons* Prize spoke with *Duncan* of *Boston* bound to *Ruanock*. On *Fryday* arrived here *Play* in a Sloop from *Antigua*, but brings no News. On the 27th of *May* he met Two Ships near the Capes of *Virginia* bound in, one whereof he spoke with, who told him that they were from *London*, and had been 8 weeks out of *England*, and that they came out with a Fleet bound to *Virginia*.

*Leigh* for *England* and *Ireland*; *Stevens* for *Carolina*, and *Rolland* for *Jamaica* will be ready to Sail this week.

Boston.	Entered Inwards	From
<i>Samuel Taylor</i>	Sloop Rose	Connecticut
<i>John Grost</i>	Sloop Prosperous	Ditto
<i>Francis Whitmore</i>	Sloop Callipatch	Ditto
<i>Thomas Lothrop</i>	Sloop Diamond	Ditto
<i>William Clarke</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Corratuck
<i>Thomas Lanyon</i>	Sloop Return	Ditto
<i>William Broaded</i>	Virginia Merchant	Plymouth
<i>Stephin Eastwick</i>	Sloop Seaflower	Jamaica
<i>George Pearson</i>	Sloop John & Mary	Virginia
<i>William Stone</i>	Ship Carlile	Antigua
Cleared Outward		For
<i>Eleazar Darby</i>	Sloop Elizabeth	Pensilvania
<i>Samuel Taylor</i>	Sloop Rose	Rhode-Island
<i>Giles Hall</i>	Sloop Lyon	New-foundl.
<i>Thomas Porter</i>	Brigt. Lamb	St. Christop.
Outward Bound		For
<i>George Phillips</i>	Sloop Supply	Fyall
<i>Ezekiel Cravate</i>	Ketch Dolphin	New-foundl.
<i>Eleazar Armitage</i>	Sloop Alexander	Barbadoes
<i>Isaac Binney</i>	Sloop Mary	Ditto
<i>Moses Wadland</i>	Brigt. Adventure	Tercera

195 Captains Beamsley and Isaac Perkins, both natives of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and both successful Boston shipmasters. Captain Beamsley commanded "Her Majesty's ship Dispatch, friggott" in the English attack upon Port Royal in 1710.

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Newcomb Blague      Ship Colman Frigot      Jamaica

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[THE first page and only about a quarter of the second of this issue are occupied by foreign matter: that includes the address of the English house of lords on December 4, 1706, and the queen's answer; also advices from Naples, Brussels and Milan, November, 1706.]

*Barbadoes, May 14.* On the 8th Currant arrived here our Fleet from *England*, consisting of 33 Sail, under Convoy of 3 Men of War, the *Guernsey*, *Childsplay* and *Winchelsea*, ten Sail are bound to *Jamaica*, the rest for this and the Leeward Islands, on board of said Fleet came *Milford Crow* Esq. our Governoour, who on the 9th Instant came on Shore here: The Regiment being under Arms, and received with all imaginable Respect and Honour.

*New-York, June 9.* On the 2d Instant early in the Morning Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton's* Prize Sailed out of *Sandy-hook* and that night about 10 a Clock she met with a Ship 20 Leagues S & by E off the Hook, and kept her Company all night, and early in the morning engaged her, being a *French* Privateer of about 150 Tuns, she had 10 Ports aside, and full of men, thought to be no less than 150 or 200 men. The *Triton's* Prize Out sailed her, and intended to run very close upon her and give her a broadside, but the Privateer prevented her by giving the first Broadside and Volley of small Shot, whereby we had 4 men kill'd, and 5 or 6 wounded, besides Capt. *Davies* who was shot just behind the Ear, and with the Fall bruis'd himself much upon the edge of a Shot Case, that render'd him unserviceable for some hours, which gave the Enemy a great advantage yet notwithstanding the Fight was bravely maintained, and a great many Broad-sides given, the Privateer made a running Fight, and the *Triton's* Prize every now and then upon the Chase came up with her, gave her a Broadside of Round and Partridge, several of the *French* men were seen to fall on his Deck, part of his Gunnel and Sprit-sail Yard found swimming; at last the Gale slacking the Enemy threw some of their Guns Overboard and row'd away, and the *Triton's* Prize returned to *Sandy-hook* to repair her damage. And Yesterday morning

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put to Sea again, being very well Man'd and Capt. *Davies* well recovered; if that unhappy Shot had not hit Capt. *Davies* the Privateer had certainly been taken.

We have an Account of a Ship of 18 Guns and 200 men from *Martinico* bound on this Coast, and believe this was she, some Prestmen lately come *Martinico* affirm this to be the Ship that they saw there.

Yesterday Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstaffe* with a Briganteen and 3 Sloops arrived here from *Barbadoes*, they left that Island the 14th of *May*.

*Boston.* On Fryday the 13th Currant His Excellency was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province unto *Wednesday*, the thirteenth day of *August* next, Having passed the following Acts, *Viz.*

*An Act for Apportioning and Assessing of Three several Taxes on Polls and Estates, Pursuant to the Funds and Grants made to Her Majesty by the General Assembly in the Years, 1705, 1706.*

*An Act for Reviving and further Continuing of several Acts herein mentioned that are near expiring, viz. The Act Entituled, An Act to prevent the Deserting of the Frontiers of this Province. The Act Entituled, An Act Granting unto Her Majesty an Excise upon Wines, Liquors and Strong Drink Sold by Retail. The Act Entituled, An Act Granting unto Her Majesty several Rates and Duties of Impost and Tunage of Shipping.*

*An Act in Addition to the Act directing how Rates & Taxes to be granted by the General Assembly shall be Assessed and Collected.*

*An Act for Regulating of free Negroes, &c.*

Entered Inward		From
<i>Samuel Doty</i>	Sloop Dove	Connecticut
<i>Thomas Curtice</i>	Sloop Swan	Ditto
<i>Joseph Allin</i>	Sloop Mary	Ditto
<i>James Lewis</i>	Sloop Dubartus	Ditto
<i>Dirick Adolph</i>	Sloop Two Brothers	New-York
<i>Adolph DeGroos</i>	Sloop Sawer	Ditto
<i>Joseph Everton</i>	Brigt. Elizabeth	Baarbadoes
<i>Jeremiah Tay</i>	Brigt. John and Ann	Ditto
<i>Adonirain Collins</i>	Bigt. Larke	Ditto
<i>William Alden</i>	Ship Content	Ditto
<i>Charles Chapman</i>	Brigt. Dove	Ditto
<i>Richard Thomas</i>	Brigt. Hawke	Ditto
<i>John Harris</i>	Brigt. Sarah	Hundoras
Cleared Outward		For
<i>William Smallage</i>	Sloop Prosperous	Rh. Island
<i>Francis Brown</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Connectic.

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<i>Peter Newcomb</i>	Sloop Industry	Ditto
<i>John Grose</i>	Sloop Prosperous	Ditto
<i>Nathaniel Loring</i>	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
<i>Thomas Lothrop</i>	Sloop Diamond	Ditto
<i>Moses Wadland</i>	Brigt. Adventure	Fyall
<i>George Phillips</i>	Sloop Supply	Ditto
<i>John Venteman</i>	Ship Martha	Jamaica
<i>William Broaded</i>	Ship Virginia Merch.	Barbadoes
<i>John Sunderland</i>	Ship Jer. & Ann	Ditto
Outward Bound		For
<i>David Norsby</i>	Brigt. Speedwell	Roanoke
<i>Samuel Richards</i>	Ship Joshua	Maryland
<i>William Thomas</i>	Brigt. Eagle	Fyall

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[FOR foreign news there is the address of the house of commons to the queen and the answer of her majesty, and advices from Milan, Venice and elsewhere, November and December, 1706.]

*Falmouth, Nov. 30.* On the 27th Instant came in here from Cruizing, the *Schonenberg*, a Privateer of *Flushing*; She has brought in with her as Prize a small *French* Vessel, laden with Wines from *Bourdeaux*; and has retaken a *Virginia* Ship, which was by bad Weather separated from the Privateer. The *America* Merchant of *Whitehaven*, *Francis Jackson* Master, from *Virginia*, who was taken by a *French* Privateer, and retaken 12 days since by the *Schonenberg*, a *Dutch* Privateer above-mentioned.

*Cowes, Nov. 30.* Just now came into our Road the *Canada*, and *St. Francisco*, both from *Bourdeaux*, for the *West-Indies*, but last from *Plimouth*, taken by the *Concordia*, and *States of Zealand*, two *Dutch* Privateers.

*Plimouth, Decemb. 1.* The 30th came in a *Dutch* Privateer with a Ship of 20 Guns and 200 Tuns, bound from *Bourdeaux* to *Martinico*.

*St. Johns Newfoundland, May 14.* There was a Ship bound hither from *England* lost in the Ice 60 Leagues off the Coast, and only 9 of 96 men saved being the Master *Arthur Holdsworth* and 8 more.

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Here are 3 English men of war at St. *Johns*, one at *Ferryland*, and another at *Trinity-Bay*, and not one at *Placentia*.

The News from *England* of March last is, . . . The 17th of March last several Vessels bound for *Guinea*, *Virginia* and *New England* arrived at *Portsmouth*.

*Albany*, June 10. We are certainly informed here, That there are several Parties of Indians gone from *Canada* to make a Descent upon the Frontiers of *New-England*. This morning came here an Indian who had been in Company with 20 of them.

*New-York*, June 16 We have heard nothing of the *Tritons* Prize since she went last out. We have a report here from the East-end of *Long-Island*, that they heard a great many Guns at Sea on Monday or Tuesday last week, they say above 100; but we know not what Credit to give it. The Embargo continues till the *Tritons* Prize Returns. *Miller* arrived here on the 14th Currant from *Curacao*, but brings no News.

On Satturday His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* arrived here from his Lordships other Government of *New Jersey*

Several Vessels are ready to Sail for *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, *Curacao*, *Antigua*, *Carolina*, *Madera*, and *Ireland*.

*Piscataqua*, June 20 Yesterday about 2 a Clock in the afternoon, an English man and an Indian both belonging to *Rhode Island*, as they were coming from on Board of *Walters* lying at *New-Castle*. Over-set a small Cannoo, and were both drowned; seven Guns are said to be lost at the same time.

The Indians are Sculking every where on our Frontiers; and on Monday last 7 of them came to Spruse-Creek in *Kittery*, and kill'd *Philip Carpenter*, his Wife & two Children, but had not time to pillage the House. A Party of our Forces went in pursuit of the Enemy

Boston, Entered Inward,	From
<i>John Bradick</i>	Sloop John & Mary
<i>Abraham Schellinx</i>	Sloop Endeavour
<i>Clemens Sumner</i>	Sloop Speedwell
<i>Walter Reves</i>	Sloop Tryall
<i>Joseph Concklin</i>	Sloop Tryall
<i>Jeremiah Vaile</i>	Sloop Mary
<i>John Ruggels</i>	Brigt. Good Luck
<i>James Barnes</i>	Sloop Endeavour
<i>Daniel Noyes</i>	Brigt. Hannover
<i>Jonathan Armitage</i>	Ship Adventure
<i>John Price</i>	Brigt. Willi & Mary

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Cleared Outward		For
David Northy	Brigt. Speedwell	N Carolina
James Blin	Sloop Goodhope	Ditto
Dirick Adolph	Sloop Two Brothers	New York
John Rayner	Katch Freek	Newfoundl.
Eleazar Johnson	Brigt. Hopewell	Ditto
William Thomas	Brigt. Eagle	Fyall
Outward Bound		For
John Blower	Ship Stanier Galley	Oporto
Indigo Potter	Sloop Two Brothers	Pensilvania
Lewis Hunt	Sloop Nonsuch	Newfoundl.

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[PROMINENCE is given to the speech of congratulation to the duke of Marlborough by the lord keeper in the house of peers, December 5, 1706, and the reply of the duke; also news from Vienna, Paris, Milan, Hamburgh and Hague, of early December dates.]

*London, Decemb 5. . . .*

Another Dutch Privateer brought into *Plymouth* the last of November a very rich Prize of and for *Bourdeaux* from *Martinico* of 20 Guns and 200 Tuns. A Dutch Privateer has sent into *Falmouth* the *America Merchant*, which he has retaken from the *French*.

*New York, June 23d.* On the 19th Instant Cap. *Sleigh*, and on the 20th Capt. *Basset* arrived here from *Curacao* they had about a Months Passage, and came out in Company with the Homeward Bound Dutch Fleet, under Convoy of two Men of War, but being separated from them 3 or 4 days, the fifth day off of *Hispaniola*, they saw a Ship which Chased them, and stood after *Basset*, and in a little time came up with him; which proved to be a *French* Privateer, or Man of War of about 36 Guns and 200 Men, that fired two Broadsides and a Volley of small Shot at *Basset*, who had but 12 Guns, upon which *Basset* struck, afterwards the *French* fired another Broadside and small Shot at him, which shatter'd his Sails and Rigging, and Commanded him to come on Board (the Sea running

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high and blowing hard that they could not board him) on a sudden came a Squall of Wind that Overset the *French Ship*, which in a moment fill'd, after they were overset, they made a lamentable cry both in French and English to Capt. *Basset* to save them; but after the Ship fill'd she sunk immediately with all her Sails up, and every man perished. It being impossible for *Basset* to save them, tho' they sunk just by him; (the Wind blowing very hard) She was a very fine Ship, had a woman carved in her head instead of a Lyon, and well painted with green and other colours, but chiefly green; She had an English Pinnace on Board, they said they were from *Martinico*. Two days after *Basset* fell in again with the *Dutch Fleet*, and related to them the way of his Escape.

The *Tritons* Prize is returned from her Cruise, and 'tis said the Embargo will be taken off to day, and that to morrow or next day the *Tritons* Prize will put to Sea with our Outward bound Vessels.

Capt. *Cockram*, will Sail directly for *Bristol* in about 14 days time.

Vessels Outward Bound (besides those Cleared out & ready to Sail) are a Ship and Brigt. for *Madera*, a Sloop for *England* and *Holland*, a Ship for *Leverpool*, a Brigt. for *Maryland*, several Sloops for *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, *Pensilvania*, and *Wiggins* for *Boston*.

		From
<i>Barnabas Lothrop</i>	Sloop Speedwell	Gilford
<i>John Lothrop</i>	Sloop Charles	Milford
<i>Jacob Parker</i>	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
<i>Peter Harris</i>	Sloop Dolphin	N. London
Cleared Outward		For
<i>John Bradick</i>	Sloop John & Mary	New York
<i>Adolph De Groof</i>	Sloop Sayer	Ditto
<i>James Lewis</i>	Sloop Dubartus	Connectic.
<i>Samuel Doty</i>	Sloop Dove	Ditto
<i>Nathaniel Green</i>	Ship Rose	Barbadoes
<i>John Ela</i>	Brigt. Dove	Ditto
<i>Isaac Binney</i>	Sloop Mary	Ditto
<i>Eleazar Armitage</i>	Sloop Alexander	Ditto
<i>Ezekiel Cravate</i>	Ketch Dolphin	Newfound.
Outward Bound		For
<i>William Trump</i>	Mary Gally	London
<i>George Person</i>	Sloop John & Mary	Newfound
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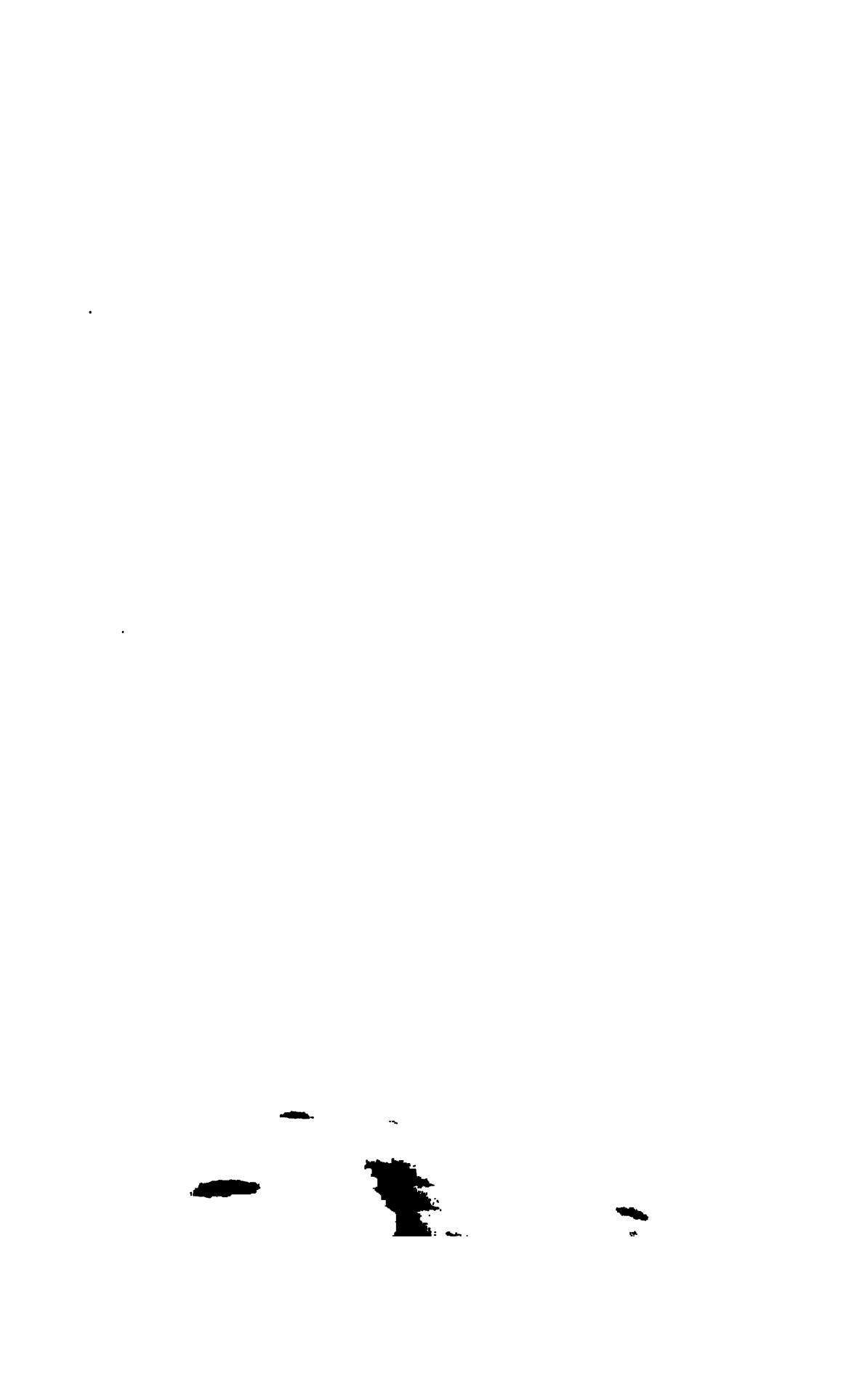
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